

## Some students not receiving free lunches

BY KELSEY DURHAM

A mix-up surrounding the city's new free lunch program for middle school students was misinterpreted by districts around the city, resulting in some students being sent to school without a lunch.

And the school was not prepared to serve them one.

The new program included in the city's budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year allocated \$6.25 million for middle school students across the five boroughs to get free lunch from school, an initiative the city hopes to eventually expand to further grades.

But the program only has funding to provide meals for students in standalone middle

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# Liu concedes to Avella in tight race

Former comptroller's political future uncertain after primary day defeat

BY ALEX ROBINSON

Former city Comptroller John Liu's political aspirations took a big hit last week after he accepted defeat at the hands of state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside).

Liu conceded Tuesday morning, a week after the Democratic primary, which the incumbent won by 4.4 percent, according to unofficial city Board of Elections results.

"Public service, to me, is a calling, not a career, and this race was always about the opportunity to serve our community and fight for our Democratic values in Albany. And in that respect, the results were a success," Liu said in a statement Tuesday morning. "While we may have fallen just short in the voting booth, our message resonated loud and clear — the people of this district want a true Democrat who will stand up for our progressive values, and we will hold our elected officials accountable by their actions, not just their words."

Liu's campaign said that after crunching the numbers, it became clear that the 568-vote gap

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## TIME TO REMEMBER



NYPD Detective Won Chang has a moment to himself during the 9/11 Memorial Park dedication in Flushing Sept. 11.  
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# Library suspends Galante

## Trustees force embattled president to take temporary leave

BY ALEX ROBINSON

Following months of turmoil at Queens Library, embattled President Thomas Galante has been forced to step down temporarily.

The nonprofit's board of trustees voted to suspend Galante last week with pay, a spokeswoman for the nonprofit said.

Galante has come under fire since a number of Daily News reports revealed allegations about improper construction spending on a smoking deck attached to the president's office. Questions have also followed Galante about his plush \$392,000 salary in addition to outside income he received as a school superintendent.

As the FBI and city Department of Investigation initiated probes into the spending allegations in early 2014, Borough President Melinda Katz called on Galante to take a leave of absence.

The library's board of trustees, however, failed to pass a motion that would force Galante to step down.

Katz then approached lawmakers in the state Legislature to pass a law, which sought to make the library more transparent and gave the borough president and mayor new powers to remove board members before the end of their terms.

Once the bill became law, a purge of eight members who supported Galante followed.



Queens Library President Thomas Galante has been suspended with pay.

"I am pleased that the Queens Library's board of trustees voted to place Queens Library President and CEO Thomas Galante on a leave of absence," Katz said last week. "This action will allow for the newly appointed board to take immediate steps to improve the Queens Library's governance and increase the transparency of its operations without any unjustified interference from Mr. Galante."

The board also voted to provide information on all its accounts to city Comptroller Scott Stringer for an audit he launched. Before Katz and de Blasio removed the rogue mem-

bers, the board had voted against opening up the library's books.

"The newly reconstituted Queens Library board of trustees has ended months of frustration and misdirection by voting tonight to open its books for my office's review," Stringer said last Thursday. "My audit will seek to tell the full story behind what has been a sordid series of reports of alleged poor governance and irresponsible spending at the Queens Library. Placing President and CEO Thomas Galante on administrative leave is a necessary step to move the library forward toward comprehensive governance

reforms."

The board also appointed Bridget Quinn-Carey, a seasoned librarian and the current executive vice president of the library, as the interim president.

"Queens Library has a critical mission to provide information and education," Quinn-Carey said. "It has long been a model of excellence. I look forward to working with the board of trustees, our elected officials and colleagues at all levels of the organization, including our union, to build on the library's outstanding work. There are 2.3 million people depending on it."

# Walk to raise funds for women's center

BY KELSEY DURHAM

The Center for the Women of New York is gearing up to host its sixth annual Walk-a-Thon at Fort Totten this weekend.

On Saturday, the organization will raise money that will go toward renovations at a historical building in Fort Totten, where the CWNY will soon be relocating its offices.

Currently based out of a building on Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens, the center will be expanding to a landmark, at 207 Totten Ave., once construction is complete.

This year's money will go toward finishing that renovation along with funding programs such as domestic violence prevention and a push for equal pay for women.

"We feel this is a very nice thing for the community because it's the one event that can appeal to everyone of all ages and sexes," said Ann Jawin, chairwoman and founder of the CWNY.

Jawin said the renovations on the Fort Totten building where the

organization is looking to move were started last summer with a cleanup of the space, and the center is now taking bids for asbestos removal among other things to try and move the process along. She said the organization hopes to have a clearer picture by the end of the year of when it will be moved into its new home.

When work is finished and the CWNY moves to Fort Totten, the new space is expected to be used as a conference center focusing on women's history and career education, but Jawin said the center hopes to keep its space in Kew Gardens, as well.

"We always want to have a presence here because transportation in Queens is so bad," she said. "Some people might not be able to get to just one of the centers."

Last year, the walk-a-thon hosted about 150 participants, Jawin said, and the center hopes to have more at this year's event. She said they amped up their marketing and promotional efforts and have

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Center for the Women of New York president Sue Salzberg (l.) and founder Ann Jawin chat during a past walkathon.

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# Avella motorcade remembers victims of terrorist attacks

## Senator rides through northeast Queens to honor residents lost at World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001

BY KELSEY DURHAM

On the 13th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) made his way through northeast Queens to honor more than two dozen victims who lost their lives at the World Trade Center that morning.

The senator commemorated 9/11 last week with the 10th annual motorcade through his 11th Senate District, a tradition Avella has carried out each year since being elected to City Council. Like years past, Avella dedicated his day to visiting 25 sites around the borough that have been renamed or dedicated in honor of 9/11 victims, some civilians and some first-responders who gave their lives trying to help save others.

But this year, Avella

added a new location that was recently designed by architect Daniel Naimoli, whose cousin Vincent Cangelosi died at the World Trade Center on 9/11. A park in North Flushing, at 26th Avenue and 154th Street, marked the beginning of the motorcade as the senator joined victims' family and members of the FDNY and NYPD to honor Cangelosi's life and memory.

From there, Avella continued to the remaining stops, tying a floral wreath to street signs named after men and women throughout northeast Queens who died on 9/11.

"We've tried to reach out to the victims' families and make sure we honor everyone in the district," Avella said.

His last stop was in Douglaston, where he met the family of Christopher Racaniello, at the corner



State Sen. Tony Avella (r.) ties a wreath to a post in honor of 9/11 victims. Avella traveled to several locations throughout his district, where streets have been renamed to pay tribute to those who died 13 years ago in the terrorist attacks. Photo by Ken Maldonado

of Marathon Parkway and Thornhill Avenue. At that corner hangs a street sign bearing the name of Racaniello, who was working at the Cantor Fitzgerald law firm on the 99th floor of the North Tower when the

building was hit by the first hijacked plane.

Racaniello, a Douglaston native, was engaged to his high school sweetheart and had just sent out the invitations to their wedding Sept. 10, Avella said as he

spoke about the man's life.

"Christopher was just one of many people who went to work on 9/11 and became a martyr in the cause of freedom," Avella said.

Another stop along the motorcade was to remember the life of Salman Hamdani, an EMT and NYPD cadet from Bayside who was on his way to work on the morning of Sept. 11 when he saw the disaster at the Twin Towers. Rather than running away, he made the choice to continue toward the burning buildings to see what he could do to help.

Hamdani's remains were later found next to his medical bag outside the North Tower.

In the aftermath of 9/11, the Pakistan native was originally accused of being a part of the terror plot because of his ethnicity and faith, but his mother,

Talat, worked tirelessly to clear his name and eventually succeeded, even winning the fight to have 204th Street at the corner of 35th Avenue renamed after her son.

Avella said he has continued his dedication to honor victims of the terrorist attacks more than a decade after they shook the world because of a dedication he feels to make sure future generations never forget. He said he is also working with Mayor Bill de Blasio and the City Council to try and get a plaque at every street sign renamed for a 9/11 victim that tells the story of who they were and what they sacrificed in the name of their country.

"For our generation, this was a defining moment in history," Avella said. "It's important we remember the people who gave their lives for us."

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Meet Ekata Doshi, a young and energetic Executive Comptroller from New York who is of Indian descent. In 2011, Ekata was diagnosed with leukemia. Her best hope for winning this fierce battle is to find a bone marrow match. Even though three matches were found over the course of her three-year struggle, all three donors declined at the last minute. It is only a matter of weeks before she is admitted to the hospital indefinitely.

Despite these unimaginable circumstances, Ekata's spirit is unwavering, and she still manages to inspire others. Below is her response to a recent (7 August 2014) social media campaign that was launched by her friends and family to show her love and support:

"Tears didn't fall when they told me I had to start radiation. Tears didn't fall when they told me it wasn't enough and we had to do more. Tears didn't fall when they thought my heart was having issues. And tears didn't fall when they told me that in a few weeks I'll probably be in the hospital indefinitely. BUT today, tears fell. Tears of overwhelming love



and enjoy. We can't thank you all enough. Feeling so blessed and so lucky."

We now hope to inspire Ekata in return by finding her a bone marrow match! On Sunday, September 21, 2014, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Be The Match (bethematch.org) will be hosting a bone marrow drive at St. Andrew Avellino church located at 35-60 158th St., Flushing, NY. Be The Match is looking for donors of all ethnicities between 18 and 44 years of age. This only requires a CHEEK SWAB. No blood is drawn. Donors 44 to 60 years old can register on line. This is a painless way to provide a cure for someone with a life threatening disease. We are also encouraging members of the Indian and South Asian communities in particular to make their presence felt, as they represent the best chances for a match for Ekata.

*Thank you for taking the time to read Ekata's story here <http://makemestronger.com/2012/11/19/my-footprint-mystory/> and thank you for sharing her story with as many networks as possible. We hope to see you all on Sunday, September 21st!*

# Borough residents rally for quiet skies

Advocacy group, elected officials, community leaders protest airplane noise in Cunningham Park

BY ALEX ROBINSON

More than 300 Queensites came out to a rally at Cunningham Park Sunday afternoon to demand an end to the constant din emanating from airplanes traveling to and from the borough's airports.

Advocacy group Queens Quiet Skies hosted the rally, which was attended by a long list of elected officials and community leaders, to put pressure on the Federal Aviation Administration to reduce air traffic and the noise that comes with it.

"I can't sleep. I can't watch TV. I can't sit on my terrace," said Susan Carroll, a Flushing resident and member of Queens Quiet Skies. "I have to keep the AC on even in cooler weather to drown out the noise."

Protesters said the increasing amount of planes

passing above them has made their suburban neighborhoods uninhabitable and has severely damaged their quality of life.

In November, Gov. Andrew Cuomo mandated a series of roundtable discussions between residents, the PA and the FAA about the issue, and several meetings have been held since.

But Queens Quiet Skies has been disappointed with the format of the forums, as there have been separate meetings for each of the area's major airports.

"In recent months, we have created noise roundtables to bring together the Federal Aviation Administration, the Port Authority, elected officials and community to discuss noise problems, unveiled a feature on the PA's website that allows residents to track planes and decibel levels over their communities and deployed more



Councilmember Rory Lanceman speaks to the crowd at the Rally Against Airplane Noise at Cunningham Park in Oakland Gardens Sunday.

noise monitors around both airports to help collect additional data," said PA spokesman Ron Marsico. "Additionally, the agency is

nearing selection of a consultant to help implement the governor's request for federal Part 150 noise studies at both JFK and LaGuardia

[airports] to determine what steps may be possible to help alleviate specific noise issues."

The FAA said that

while it has not made any changes to air traffic routes over the Nassau County-Queens border, there has been an increased usage of air traffic routes that go over some areas due to predominant winds from the north.

U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) and Steve Israel (D-Melville) announced at the rally that they have sent a letter, signed by 26 members of Congress, to the FAA calling for the national standard for noise levels to be lowered. The Congress members said the standard should be lowered from the current 65 decibel Day-Night Sound Level to 55 DNL.

"We are here to demand once and for all that the FAA enforce the law, maintain safe skies, but keep the peace on the ground," Israel said. "Study after study has agreed the decibel level

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## Canvassers say Brown campaign struggled to pay primary day staff

BY SARINA TRANGLE

State Senate hopeful Everly Brown's job creation stumping fell short long before he made it out of his campaign office, canvassers said.

Multiple canvassers for the Brown campaign said they did not receive the \$150 promised to them on primary day in exchange for handing out literature on behalf of Sen. James Sanders' (D-South Ozone Park) challenger from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Instead, workers Mel-sun Greyer, William Cox and Julie Tate said the campaign called police for backup, informed them it had run out of money and

left them waiting without details about how to recoup their wages.

Tate said about four of the dozen she helped get jobs on Primary Day were paid about a week late, while others arrived at the office to find nobody there and no information about whether they would be paid.

Greyer and Cox said they received their money Monday.

Cox grew worried about not getting paid after he said Brown sneaked out the back door of his campaign headquarters Sept. 9 as about 60 people remained in line.

"Everybody was angry after standing on their

feet for 15 hours," Cox said. "And he didn't even have the decency to come outside and talk to us. He left through the back door."

Brown, a Rosedale developer, and Gian Jones, a Bayswater real estate executive, lost the Democratic primary to Sanders, who currently represents the 10th Senate District, running from Arverne to Far Rockaway and north through South Jamaica, South Ozone Park and Richmond Hill.

Brown denied having any knowledge of what transpired on primary night.

"I have no idea what is going on," Brown said. "I

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## U.S. House of Reps passes Meng's Anti-Spoofing Act

BY KELSEY DURHAM

A bill penned by U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Bayside) intended to crack down on phone scams is one step closer to becoming law.

The congresswoman announced this week that her Anti-Spoofing Act passed the House of Representatives and will soon be introduced in the U.S. Senate. The bill, first introduced in Congress in December, aims to put an end to telephone scams that have cost millions of Americans, including many in Queens, countless dollars in the last few years.

Spoofing is a practice where callers change the



A bill written by U.S. Rep. Grace Meng to outlaw spoofing recently passed the House of Representatives.

way their phone number appears on caller ID, allowing them to make it look like they are calling their victim from a phone number the person would know,

such as a friend or family member.

Meng said the practice is mostly used by telemarketers or those looking to scam others out of money by telling victims stories, such as saying a family member is in trouble and needs money, and asking them to send money, allowing the spoofer to pocket the cash in the end.

Meng said the issue was first brought to her attention by a civic leader from Bayside during the beginning of her term in Congress last year. She said she began looking into the issue and was shocked by what she found.

"We started working *Continued on Page 38*

# BP policy platform focuses on tourism

BY SARINA TRANGLE

As the borough president sees it, Queens' future lies in its heritage.

Borough President Melinda Katz released her 2014 policy statement last week, highlighting efforts to harness Queens' diversity via tourism and the hospitality industry while working to accommodate growing and changing communities.

"We've been branding Queens as the world's borough the last nine months, and the strategic plan puts forth the things that need to happen in order to achieve that goal," Katz said. "Our culture and our arts come from all that diversity. Our economic development is dependent upon all of that."

Her policy report notes road signs welcoming passersby to the borough now include the slogan "Queens — The World's Borough" and several partners are promoting the branding message, "If you haven't visited Queens, you haven't visited New York city."

She described Queens, now about 48 percent foreign-born and which has residents from more than 120 countries, as having less-crowded restaurants, hotels and cultural institutions that rival Manhattan's.

And Katz did not seem to view the borough's hotel

offerings and public transportation system as obstacles to attracting visitors.

The policy statement emphasized that Queens gets the lowest amount of cultural institution funding per capita than the other boroughs, taking in about \$1.34 per person from the city's Cultural Development Fund, compared to Manhattan's \$12 per person.

The Queens City Council delegation loses its fight for more money every budget season because Manhattan is perceived as having the monopoly on tourist attractions, according to Katz.

She argued that attracting more travelers would help Queens secure more city money.

Katz said creating more affordable housing, particularly for seniors seeking to stay close to grandchildren they babysit, remains a priority. Although the "overwhelming majority" of the borough's housing is privately owned, Katz said Queens may be able to construct cheaper units on vacant land, atop the Sunnyside Yards or by converting long-unused properties zoned for manufacturing uses to residential districts.

Katz said the city should consider creating a new zoning district

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Borough President Melinda Katz's policy plan focuses on attracting tourists. Photo by Christina Santucci

# Flushing deacon sentenced

## Lin gets 36 months probation after immigration fraud conviction

BY ALEX ROBINSON

A Flushing deacon, who was found guilty of immigration fraud after she coached asylum seekers how to lie on their applications, has been sentenced to three years' probation, the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan said.

Liyang Lin, 30, had faced up to 25 years in prison for conducting biweekly training sessions for asylum seekers in which she would teach them how to fabricate stories to support fraudulent asylum claims, according to an indictment filed in Manhattan federal court.

"We're very satisfied with the sentence. I think it was the appropriate sentence given the nature of her offense," said Kenneth Paul, the attorney representing Lin in the case. "She was facing significantly more jail time even prior to going to trial in terms of a plea offer. Having gone to trial and all the facts coming out, it led to the appropriate sentence, which was a non-jail sentence."



LIVING LIN

After a seven-day trial in March, a jury unanimously found Lin guilty of one count of conspiracy to commit immigration fraud and two counts of immigration fraud. She was acquitted of one count of im-

migration fraud, the U.S. attorney's office said.

Lin held her training sessions in exchange for donations and direct payments at the Full Gospel Global Mission Church in Flushing, at 42-60 Colden St., Suite

1A, where she worked, according to the indictment.

One-on-one training sessions were also on offer, but would cost applicants a larger cash donation, the indictment said.

Immigration laws require that asylum seekers can prove they have suffered persecution in their home country or at least a well-founded fear they might be oppressed if they return.

Lin would therefore brief applicants on the kinds of questions they would be asked about religious persecution and how to answer them, according to U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara's office, and she would also provide baptism documents for additional cash.

During applicant interviews, Lin would serve as a translator and would kick applicants under the table if they gave an answer that deviated from what she had coached them to say, court papers said. She would also falsely translate their Chinese answer if it was not what she had told

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# Judge gives 25 years to life in cold case

BY ALEX ROBINSON

A former Flushing resident was sentenced to 25 years to life last week for the 1995 slaying of a 21-year-old man, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said.

Judge Barry Schwartz handed down the sentence to Andrew Caballero, 39, in Queens Criminal Court after he was found guilty of the gruesome murder of Jason Kollman, of East Flushing.

Kollmann was stabbed 15 times and dragged across the roof of an apartment building, at 43-43 Kissena Blvd., before he was thrown onto a fifth-story



Jason Kollmann was stabbed several times in the neck and body before being thrown off the roof of this address in 1995, prosecutors said.

fire escape and left to die Feb. 1, 1995.

The case remained unsolved for years until new

testimony by two witnesses led the NYPD's cold case squad to Caballero, who they then charged with sec-

ond-degree murder in 2012.

The jury found Caballero guilty after two days of deliberating following a two-week trial at the beginning of August in Queens Criminal Court.

"The residents of Queens County can feel secure knowing that these two violent predators are off the streets and behind bars," Brown said of Caballero's sentence and another unrelated homicide sentence given out on the same day. "The sentences meted out by the court speak loudly and in unison about society's abhorrence for the senseless and deliberate killing of other human beings."

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# Borough officials embrace new American citizens

## Naturalization ceremony at Rufus King Park encourages them to get involved in politics and community

BY JUAN SOTO

They became U.S. citizens under the same roof where Rufus King once lived, one of the Founding Fathers of the U.S. Constitution.

"This is something I wanted to do forever," said a smiling Alejandra Osorio, a Venezuelan natural.

She was one of 62 new American citizens from 17 nations that took the oath administered by Judge Kiyo Matsumoto, of the U.S. Court for the Eastern District of New York, under a white tent at the 11.5-acre Rufus King Park in downtown Jamaica Wednesday.

The date was special. President Harry Truman signed a bill in 1952 establishing Sept. 17, the day the U.S. Constitution was signed 227 years ago, as Citizen Day.

The naturalization ceremony, led by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, was held at the King Manor Museum, which was home to three generations of the Rufus King family.

"We encourage you to participate in this democracy as once did Rufus King," said Matsumoto. All of you, and your families, have endless possibilities."

King was a New York senator and once Federalist candidate for president.

During the hour-long event, which began with Jesse Blumberg singing the national anthem, the new citizens received the naturalization certificates and heard a taped and televised congratulatory message from President Barack Obama.

He encouraged them "to be involved in your community and to promote



More than 60 people became United States citizens, including Mohammad Kamal Hossain and Shamsun Nahar, during the naturalization ceremony at King Manor Museum in Jamaica Wednesday.

Photo by Chris Palermo

the values that guide us as Americans."

Elected officials that participated in the ceremony

at the feet of the Georgian-style facade house also prompted the "newborn Americans" to

register to vote and become community activists.

"We are a city that believes in civic associations, in activism," said Borough President Melinda Katz. "Register to vote because it is important to have a voice."

"You should get involved in the community process," said City Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest), who represents the district. "Today is also a day of responsibility."

Out of the 62 new citizens, 24 were originally from Bangladesh.

There were also natives, among other countries, from Argentina, India, Jamaica, Greece and Pakistan.

"Becoming a citizen means that all the hard work my parents did to bring us to the United States paid off," said Dar-

shanie Sukhoo, from Guyana. "They gave us a better life," she added, holding her newborn child.

Roy Fox, caretaker of the King Manor Museum, the oldest house in southeast Queens, said this day "created new citizens."

"This is very special for me," said Nicole Johnson, who came from Jamaica 13 years ago. "This means more opportunities and more doors open," she added.

"I am very honored to share this moment with all these people here," said Osorio, who came to the United States 22 years ago. "This is very important and I will have better opportunities in life."

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We are the six former Trustees of the Queens Library who Melinda Katz, the Queens Borough President, recently removed. Since she took office, Ms. Katz embarked on a campaign to improperly discredit and dismantle the Library Board of Trustees for her own ends. Ten of the Trustees who were on the Board at the beginning of the year are no longer there. We write this letter to explain who we are and what we have fought to preserve in this wonderful institution.

**We brought a federal lawsuit to preserve the Library's independence from an individual politician.**

Ms. Katz removed us from the Library Board when we refused to agree to her political demands. But that is not what she told the public. Ms. Katz claimed that our actions were not in furtherance of the Library's educational purpose. That is simply false.

Ms. Katz's actions have been harmful to the people of Queens. She manufactured a crisis by spreading false accusations about the Library. She threatened to, and then did, withhold City money from community libraries in need of repairs because we refused to vote her way. She misled the public by claiming that the Board had refused to allow the City Comptroller to audit taxpayer funds, when in fact the City Comptroller had been auditing Library records for City taxpayer funds since February 2014. In fact, the City has always had complete access to audit the Library's City funds. What Ms. Katz really wanted was access to private donations - information that we believed we had an obligation to protect.

Ms. Katz's tactics to disparage the Library and our stewardship were so egregious that they sparked a whistleblower complaint under New York law. We supported that investigation. Six days later she removed us from the Board.

**Library independence preserves Freedom of Thought, or your library is Katz's political poker chip.**

Andrew Carnegie founded the Library on the principle that a public library must be free of undue political influence. For over 100 years, the Queens Library has operated as an independent, self-governing private corporation. Ms. Katz decided to unravel that. She engineered a new law that allowed her to remove trustees at will. She then used her power to remove us because we refused to be bullied. We obeyed our duty to follow our best judgment - not her political agenda. She responded by maligning us in the press and misleading the public.

The American Library Association called Katz's law a "dangerous precedent for libraries and library boards around the nation," and warns that "[f]reedom of information and freedom of thought cannot exist in a system where undue political influence can be brought to bear arbitrarily."

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# POLICE Blotter

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According to the FDNY, a cement truck overturned on the Long Island Expressway by the BQE westbound split causing a major traffic headache for motorists Tuesday. Firemen hosed down the debris as cops tried to keep traffic moving. The driver was not injured. Photo by Ellis Kaplan

## Flushing robbery chase ends in crash: NYPD

FLUSHING — Police arrested three men following a chase and car crash after they allegedly robbed a Flushing 7-Eleven at gunpoint early Tuesday morning, the NYPD said.

Responding officers arrived at the store, at 171-02 Northern Blvd., just after 2 a.m. to see the suspects taking off in a 2014 Nissan Altima, according to cops.

The three men, who police identified as Astoria residents Lorenzo McCallister, 22, and Aurthur Lilly, 29, and Joseph Peña, 21, of Manhattan, allegedly threw a wallet and cash they had taken from the 7-Eleven clerk out the car window at the intersection where Utopia Parkway meets the Long Island Expressway, police said.

The suspects then crashed into the side of a deli near the corner of 163rd Street and Pigeon Meadow Road, where they were taken into custody, according to police.

The NYPD said they found a shotgun in the car and the three men were charged with grand larceny, robbery and criminal use of a firearm.

## Man dies while trying to fix flat tire on his car

JAMAICA — A 43-year-old man was killed Sunday when he was hit by a car as he was trying to change a flat tire on his vehicle, authorities said.

The accident occurred on the Van Wyck Expressway near John F. Kennedy International Airport.

The man parked his Chevrolet Malibu on the shoulder of the expressway to change the tire when he was hit by a Chrysler.

The three occupants of the Chrysler and another passenger in the Malibu were taken to Jamaica Hospital.

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# More space needed in Queens libraries

BY KELSEY DURHAM

The Queens Library system is currently suffering from significant space constraints and infrastructure setbacks, according to the Center for an Urban Future.

The organization released a report this week stating libraries across Queens are struggling to find the space to support the growing number of people who want to use its facilities.

Though Queens has the largest number of newly opened libraries in the city, according to the report, it also has the greatest number — 41 — of “small branches,” or locations under 10,000 square feet.

The report also states that Queens has six libraries that were built within the last 20 years, but even the newer facilities are failing to meet the high demand for use that residents across the borough are showing.

The study uses the Jackson Heights branch as an example of how poorly-configured some Queens locations are in comparison to the number of people who visit them each year. The location at 35-51 81st St. gets a total of about 375,000 visitors per year, but the building only has seating for 76 people.

It also only provides enough outlets for three mobile devices at a time to

Many of the library branches across the five boroughs, including several in Queens, are in need of capital improvements that total \$5 million or more.

be charged.

According to the Center for an Urban Future, five of New York City’s 10 highest performing libraries that are considered to be too small for their users are in Queens: Far Rockaway, Fresh Meadows, Lefferts, Rego Park and Sunnyside.

Many of the library branches across the five boroughs, including several in Queens, are in need of capital improvements that total \$5 million or more.

But despite Queens being drastically ahead of the rest of the city in the amount of funding allocated to its libraries for upgrades, the Center for an Urban Future says that money is not enough to satisfy the need for change that so many libraries throughout Queens are suffering from.



The Queens Library in Sunnyside is one of several locations across the borough pressed for space, according to a report.

# Jax. Hts. hosts bike bonanza

Borough advocacy group pushes street safety at educational fair

BY ALEX ROBINSON

Scores of children and parents rolled through Travers Park in Jackson Heights Saturday afternoon for a bike bonanza hosted by advocacy group Make Queens Safer.

The event was held in partnership with the city Department of Transportation and a number of other organizations to educate families about street safety.

“So many times it takes a tragedy to get people talking about these things,” said Jackson Heights resident Veronica Marino, whose 11-year-old daughter participated in the bike bonanza. “[This] event was an impressive educational experience that helped us all create healthy habits.”

The fair had a number of educational and safety awareness activities, including a class for children learning to ride their bikes, a free bike repair station and a neighborhood traffic study, which was conducted by students from neighboring IS 230.

DOT opened a bike helmet giveaway at 10 a.m. to a line that wrapped around Rory Staunton Field and dolled out 723 helmets by the end of the day.

“The outreach in the neighborhood was a tremendous success,” said Theresa Barry, director of special events for Vision Zero, a DOT initiative to lower car crash fatalities. “People are taking it upon themselves to be responsible street users, and I find that encouraging.”

More than 70 children waited in line to swap bikes they had outgrown for ones that fit them, according to Recycle-a-Bicycle, a non-profit that ran the service.

“We’re overwhelmed by how great it went,” said Christina Furlong, a co-founder of Make Queens Safer. “It was well beyond our expectations.”



Volunteers teach children how to ride a bicycle at the bike bonanza in Jackson Heights.

Photos by Alex Robinson

Concerned parents formed Make Queens Safer about a year ago in order to try to put a stop to the borough’s steep rise in pedestrian deaths the year before. The group reached out to elected officials, schools and the DOT to raise awareness about the issue and the push for the city and state governments to act.

Mayor Bill de Blasio recently signed 11 laws associated with his Vision Zero initiative into law, aimed to eradicate traffic injuries and deaths.

“I applaud Make Queens Safer for putting together this important event,” said City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights), who attended the bike bonanza. “Providing the tools and knowledge on how to safely navigate the streets of our neighborhoods can help reduce accidents and improve the quality of life for all members of our community.”

Reach reporter Alex Robinson by e-mail at [arobinson@cnglocal.com](mailto:arobinson@cnglocal.com) or by phone at 718-260-4566.



# Howard Beach college student fund-raises for thesis film

## Daniel Scarpati aims to amass \$3,000 for Christmas thriller 'Klaus' using online platform Indiegogo

BY SARINA TRANGLE

His production company pays tribute to the airplanes that swoosh over his home near JFK Airport.

His college thesis film pays homage to a short story taught at Christ the King High School in Middle Village.

And now Daniel Scarpati, 20, hopes to add the names of borough residents to the movie's credits.

Scarpati, of Howard Beach, has taken to the online fundraising site Indiegogo to raise the \$3,000 he estimates it will cost to produce his senior thesis film for Macaulay Honors College at Brooklyn College.

The roughly eight-to-12-minute movie will center around Jack, a mall Santa Claus who has grown disillusioned with the behavior of kids and parents parading by.

"He's reached the point where he can't take it anymore. So he decides to take action and

create an evil version of Santa," Scarpati said, noting that the inspiration for a dark Santa came from the short story "Knackles" he read as a junior at Christ the King. "Santa is unquestioned .... He is just a holiday legend. So really, the ending of the film is going to push in that direction. It's all about the creation of another Christmas legend."

While offering "Klaus"-branded ornaments, stickers, copies of the movie and the inclusion of donors' names in the credits for the most generous givers, Scarpati and his team have raised about \$900, according to Indiegogo.

Casting is not complete, but Scarpati said the roughly 20-person crew currently boasts many Queens residents.

"A lot of students do fund-raise," he said. "There's a lot that goes into it beyond, sure, you need a camera; sure, you need lights; sure, you need a crew. There's production insurance, permit fees, vehicles to transport every-



"Klaus" tells the story of a mall Santa Claus who gets fed up with children's bad behavior.

thing around."

Scarpati said many students and recent graduates had signed on, but he was planning to do a professional casting call as well. Then "Klaus" will begin scouting set locations, including malls,

houses and quintessential images of Christmas in the city.

The Clock Tower Plaza, with its bustling shopping season, is high on Scarpati's potential shopping backgrounds.

The filming is slated for mid-

November to early December. Then, Scarpati said, he will finish editing "Klaus" in time for his spring graduation and then begin submitting it to film festivals, with a tentative Web launch ultimately planned for next fall.

Scarpati encouraged those interested in the film industry to get involved with "Klaus" or his Passing Planes Production company, which he described as a welcoming community and platform for showcasing work to potential employers. The business' name references the frequent distraction of overhead planes Scarpati has dealt with while working at his Howard Beach home.

"It's not a Hollywood-type production, where you can't talk to anybody about how it works," he said. "This is an opportunity to those who are interested in learning mutually with us."

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Hunger is taking a heavier toll on Queens and has reached crisis proportions across the city.

Poor borough families have been scrambling for years to find adequate food, but the federal government's decision to cut funding for its food stamp program has had dire consequences for Queens and the other boroughs.

The City Council found that nearly half the city's food pantries and soup kitchens are sending people away because they lack the food to feed them.

For the first time, the Council has stepped into the breach and is launching a \$1.3 million drive to help restock food banks.

Julissa Ferreras and I. Daneek Miller are among 33 Council members leading the initiative in honor of Mother Teresa's 104th birthday by urging constituents to donate non-perishable foodstuffs at drop-off sites.

Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito blamed supply shortages and rising food costs for depleting food pantries' resources.

Feeding a family relying on food stamps can be a challenge now that the average benefit has been reduced to \$1.40 per meal for each person. Many recipients belong to the ranks of the working poor, juggling jobs to squeeze the rent and food out of their paychecks.

It's important that the Council succeed with its mission, which in our case depends on the generosity and empathy of the people who live in Queens and are in a more fortunate place at this time in their lives.

## THE G RIDES AGAIN

Queens is finally hooked up with Brooklyn again, thanks to the restoration of G line service after a five-week outage to repair major Sandy damage in the tunnel.

Riders huff and puff about the G even though the MTA was flush enough recently to boost the number of trains to seven and a half an hour from six and establish set stops on the platforms rather than random spots.

But when the often-maligned trains stopped rolling in late July, the 100,000 straphangers who jump on the G every week were reduced to shuttle bus service.

The G has been welcomed back because Court Square and 21st Street have a rail connection to Brooklyn.

The G is the only main line that does not run into Manhattan, so it could be considered a symbol of outerborough solidarity shuttling riders between Long Island City and Williamsburg.



## NEVER FORGET

To mark the 13th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks, a crowd gathered in Juniper Valley Park for the annual candle-light vigil.

Photo by Steve Malecki

## OTHER VOICES

# Flushing Town Hall asks people to give

Flushing Town Hall has been presented with a significant challenge this season, one I hope your readers will help us meet. It is not every day that an institutional supporter presents such an offer to us.

An anonymous donor, a supporter of the arts, recently approached us through one of our board members. The donor's offer: If our nonprofit can raise \$35,000 in new donations by February 2015, the

donor will contribute another \$35,000.

The donor's hope is that this challenge will motivate others to open their wallets and hearts, thereby enabling our gem to be brighter than ever, enriching the culture of this diverse community.

This is a challenge we are excited to take on. I encourage your readers to help us by visiting [flushingtownhall.org/35challenge](http://flushingtownhall.org/35challenge) to contribute. Every dollar will help preserve the work

of the Flushing Council on Culture and the Arts, which has been part of the fabric of the borough for 35 years — thus the "35" in the challenge.

Each year, FCCA presents an array of high-quality arts and educational programs at Flushing Town Hall with a focus on global arts for a global community. The contributions we receive this season are vital to preserve not only our operations and programs, but our role in preserving our

historic landmark building, dating to 1862.

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*Ellen Kodadek  
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## Queens transit has lost a friend

It is with great shock and sadness that I must inform you that our friend and mentor John Rozankowski has died of natural causes.

God have mercy on his soul.

I am going to miss you, John. A tremendous lost. Thank you for helping Rockaway, Queens and our city with your transportation advocacy.

John lived in the Bronx and would take the train to

help us. A good man. Please tell everybody.

*Philip McManus  
Founder  
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## U.S. needs good infrastructure

Regardless of the political divide that has ended congressional action on so many issues confronting the nation, failing to fund infrastructure development is punishing America.

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President Dwight Eisenhower marveled at the Nazi use of infrastructure

that made their ability to war on against overwhelming odds possible. When he attained the presidency, Eisenhower called upon Congress to copy what the Germans had achieved.

That is why America enjoys the interstate highways that have served and invigorated expansion of our commerce worldwide.

Every dollar spent on infrastructure returns to the government and the benefit of the economy multiple times. The logic for refusing to fund infrastructure cannot be found with-

in the economics rather in the political calculations of the opponents.

The polarization of American politics with its overt hatreds is and will continue to be an internal threat to the nation's security. It weakens America at home and therefore overseas, raising the hopes of enemies and terrorists.

In the absence of accepting compromise over dogma, the future for the U.S. seems bleak.

*Edward Horn  
Baldwin, L.I.*

## Prepare for after loved one's death

You have just lost someone close to you, and it is a difficult time. You are grieving, but there is so much to do: make funeral arrangements, care for family and attend to new financial responsibilities.

Here is a brief overview of some of the things you should consider to help you take the appropriate steps to make this painful time a little bit less stressful:

- Contact your loved one's employer. Find out whether they were covered by employee group insurance. You should also ask about any possible pension benefits, accrued vacation or sick pay and credit union accounts.

- Contact any organizations your loved one belonged to, especially

unions. You might qualify for benefits through these groups.

- Gather your loved one's bills. Some bills are covered by credit life insurance that pays off the balance in the event of a customer's death.

Losing a loved one may have a big impact on your financial security. Other family members may now be even more dependent on you, and if you have been left a significant inheritance, you will have to decide how best to manage it.

You might want to consider using some of your inheritance to purchase life insurance protection. A single-premium policy can give your beneficiaries financial security, and death benefits from a life insurance policy are usually free from federal income tax.

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Life can change suddenly and unpredictably, so it is best to be prepared. The smartest time to make arrangements for tomorrow is today.

*Eton Lacon  
Agent  
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## Speaker should've shown respect

I have seen a picture of dignitaries at the Sept. 11 ceremony. They were Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Mayor Bill de Blasio and former Mayors Mike Bloomberg and Rudy Giuliani.

There was also U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), former Gov. George Pataki and state Sen. Ruben Diaz Sr. (D-Bronx) and City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito (D-Manhattan).

It showed the group all placing their hands across their hearts during the

"The Star-Spangled Banner," except Mark-Viverito, who had her hands locked together in front of her.

What was that about? Did she not have respect for our country and all those who died and who gave their last measure of devotion to the nation? It was also reported that before she ran for speaker she would not stand for the Pledge of Allegiance at ceremonies.

I am appalled that someone of Mark-Viverito's status as an elected official showed such disrespect and lack of patriotism at that

most solemn and sacred anniversary of those who died Sept. 11.

This act I find most sad. I have served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era and was proud to do so.

I hope all who read this letter would write to Mark-Viverito and tell her that her actions are not acceptable and she needs to apologize to the city and all who lost loved ones on that infamous day.

*Frederick R. Bedell Jr.  
Glen Oaks Village*

### CORRECTION

A story in a prior edition of TimesLedger Newspapers mischaracterized Republican state Senate candidate Michael Conigliaro's profession. He manages a real estate law firm in Floral Park, but has not been admitted to the bar.

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The sun sets over the Unisphere in Flushing Meadows Corona Park Monday night.

Photo by Chris Palermo

# Conservative Long wants voters interested in elections



**William Lewis**  
Political Action

Teachout will have much of an impact on the governor's election results.

He thinks ending most stop-and-frisk police procedures has hurt police effectiveness.

As for the major issues in this year's campaign, he indicated that we should encourage economic growth and lower taxes.

He would like to encourage more conservative Democrats to accept Conservative Party endorsement, but the problem is that there seems to be fewer conservative Democrats than, say, 30 years ago.

The progressive wing of the Democratic Party seems to dominate the party organization. It can be hoped that that can change in the future.

Long thinks Mayor Bill de Blasio should do

more to back our city police force. He also believes de Blasio should shed his working relationship with the Rev. Al Sharpton. The mayor's actions in giving prominence to Sharpton, who has a reputation for being anti-police, has hurt the morale of our police force in general.

In regards to the party primary process, Long wants to cut down the two primaries we have now to one primary. He would accept either June or September for the one primary. As we have it now, it is costly to have two primaries. We need only one primary.

Long considers the election of George Pataki and Dennis Vacco as governor and state attorney general the most important victories since he has been state Conservative Party

Party chairman encourages conservative Democrats to accept Conservative Party endorsement, but there are fewer such people than about 30 years ago.

chairman.

Long thinks the voters need to achieve a higher degree of interest in political elections. He mentioned that only 24 percent of registered voters voted in the mayor's race last year. He believes that has to improve if the people are to have a say in what their city government does.

The state Conservative Party has been with us since 1962. Long has been chairman for more than

20 years. Most Republican candidates have Conservative Party endorsement.

The Conservative Party is unique to New York. No state has anything quite like it. It is a small political party but well-organized in New York's 62 counties and important in political campaigns.

The state Conservative Party is now more than 50 years old. It has particularly grown upstate. Long has served the party as a

strong leader as he moves it forward in the 21st century. Long is highly respected in political circles and among other party leaders.

Years ago, when the Conservative Party first started, there was hope that the party would spread to other states, but other conservative groups have formed. At some point conservative groups will possibly merge and work together as many liberal groups have done.

It will be interesting to see what percentage of the total state vote the Conservative Party gets this year in terms of where their votes are and how many Conservative votes each candidate gets.

It will be of interest to see how the state Conservative Party does in the presidential election in 2016.

## *Cuomo should get a cool reception over his recent actions*



**Kenneth Kowald**  
I Sit And Look Out

ham University and Albany Law School, it was hey, hey and away we go. He is ours and we forgive him for anything, don't we?

Andrew is smart. He is tart.

Just don't get in his way.

His father, former Gov. Mario Cuomo, is a child of Queens, too, but my snarky comments about the figlio do not apply to the padre. The Democratic Hamlet is a much-respected figure.

While our Andrew has done lots of good stuff as governor and will probably continue to do so in his second term — yes, I am making a prediction ... Astorino who? — he will certainly do it his way or it will not get done.

As a son of Queens, he is well-acquainted with the political shenanigans that have gone on here, seem-

ingly on all levels of government, for decades and on a non-partisan basis. Corruption is not partisan. Of course, that kind of thing is systemic throughout the state.

Which is why Andrew appointed a Moreland Commission to show us the way to less corrupt government. We all threw our sweaty nightcaps in the air and shouted "Hooray!" because, after all, everybody — including the governor himself — would be subject to scrutiny.

Andrew made that clear.

Or so he said.

From the start, it seems anytime the commission came close to something dealing with the governor himself, it was soon off the table. It happened again and again.

Finally, Andrew had

enough. He fired the whole group. It was "his" commission, after all, and he could do what he wanted with it. This, however, he has positioned, was not "interference." In heaven's name, people, how could he interfere with his own commission?

Orwellian perhaps, but Andrew is, after all, erudite.

That is not what he said when he appointed it, but it is what he meant, see?

Reminds me of Humpty Dumpty's remark to Alice in "Through the Looking Glass": "When I use a word, it means what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less .... The question is, which is to be master — that's all."

Of course, I will not debate our Andrew on this matter. After all, he considers that many debates are "a disservice to democ-

racy." He has not always thought or acted that way, but, gee whiz!, it is part of growing up, isn't it?

But there was a clarification about that remark at a rally in Flushing Sept. 7. He said he meant it as a joke. Maybe he is preparing for a new career as a stand-up comedian after he retires from government. Merry Andrew.

Perhaps he has had a Teachout moment — forgive the pun — when more than a third of the Democrats who voted in the primary chose someone else. On the other hand, our Andrew seems better at giving messages than receiving them.

So watch your backs, New Yorkers. We will have four more years of a smart human being. We will hear him many times. He will be tart. He will be erudite. Lis-

ten closely.

It reminds me of many years ago, when the bright wife of a major Queens political leader, who did not suffer fools lightly, was being talked to at length by a not-bright politician. I was in the small group around her. She was silent, even after he finished his long, rambling account.

Finally, he said, "You're not listening to me."

She answered with a wicked smile, "I heard everything you said. I'm just not paying any attention."

Smart, tart and watch your back, whoever you are. Andrew, you are one of ours and we love you, in spite of it all.

Don't we?

*Read my blog, No Holds Barred, at timesledger.com.*

I hope the ghost of Lady Caroline Lamb, one of Lord Byron's lovers, will forgive me if I rephrase her comments about that great poet to characterize Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

"Smart, Tart and Watch Your Back" — not quite as elegant as Lady Caroline's words — seem to me to apply to this son of Queens.

Or would he prefer "Sun," like the Sun King? But I digress.

He was born here, attended St. Gerard's School and Archbishop Molloy High School and, after more education at Ford-



Prem  
Calvin  
Preshad  
■  
New Voices

Across Queens this week, residents with East Asian origins will be celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival, which falls on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month, also known as the autumn equinox, typically a full moon.

As these traditions trace back to ancient times, the origins of the festival's observation vary from country to country, though the unifying commonality is the autumnal harvest. As is the case with most harvest traditions, the occasion is observed with family reunions, feasting

and giving thanks.

As this is also an auspicious time for cultures that observe the lunar calendar, people may pray for success or other aspirations.

The Chinese celebration of the festival dates back to ancient times, originating in the worship of the moon and mountain gods in favor of a bountiful harvest. Widespread celebration of the festival throughout China began in the Song dynasty, which ruled from 906-1279.

Chinese legends associate Chang'e, the goddess of immortality, with the moon, as she took up residence there after fleeing earth. As such, the moon has come to represent life and fertility in Chinese tradition and Chang'e is honored in most festival observances.

Especially in Chinese

communities, a hallmark of the festival are mooncakes, a dense pastry filled with red bean, lotus seed or nut filling. More luxurious versions have a whole egg yolk for a center, representing the moon. The crust, which, depending on the region, can be either chewy or flaky, is stamped with a design or inscription, invoking the auspiciousness of the occasion or the full moon.

The cakes are either elaborately boxed or packaged in tins and exchanged between family members and business associates. Owing to its dense filling, this relatively small cake is cut into slices and consumed with tea.

One is generally able to find the Cantonese and Taiwanese varieties at Asian specialty supermarkets and bakeries across

The holiday is held to celebrate the autumn harvest, and in some cases family and thanksgiving, by many different cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, Taiwanese and Korean.

the borough, especially since few households are able to bake these cakes. In modern times, many variations, such as those molded into animal shapes or unconventional fillings such as ice cream, glutinous rice and artificial flavoring, also proliferate around this time of year.

In Vietnam, the festival is associated with the perceived innocence of children serving as a link with the natural world. Animism is deeply ingrained in Vietnamese culture at

the celebration of the festival, called "Tet Trung Thu" in Vietnamese. Lore about the festival involves lighting lanterns and participating in lion dances.

The Korean iteration of the festival is Chuseok, or in nomenclature, Korean Thanksgiving. The tradition of Chuseok likely dates back to the Korean Kingdom of Silla (57 B.C.-A.D. 935), which had won a decisive victory over its southern rival, the Kingdom of Baekje.

Since then, the Kore-

an people have associated Chuseok with the hope for a brighter future.

A traditional dish made for Chuseok is songpyeon, a stuffed and flavored rice cake steamed with pine needles, which gives it a distinctive aroma. Unlike Chinese mooncakes, songpyeon is shaped as a half moon and need not be sliced.

At its inception, the festival was commemorated with competitions, particularly in weaving and martial arts. In modern Korea, the day is marked with visits to the tombs of ancestors, an exodus from urban areas to one's hometowns and feasting with relatives.

The preceding four generations are honored on the morning of Chuseok, and offerings of rice wine (soju), rice, vegetables and meat are made at graves.

## Do more to teach prevention of violence against women



Tom  
Allon  
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Mayoral  
Spin Cycle

My youngest daughter has recently become a bit of a football follower because her boyfriend is a New England Patriots fan. I took her to a New York Jets game recently and, although we had fun, I couldn't help but experience a bittersweet feeling about watching grown men butting heads with each other at full speed — and consider the broader implications this has for our society.

And then, of course, came the infamous Ray Rice video, which has sparked universal outrage and which makes one wonder whether our society

has gotten to a stage where we've let professional athletes — and some celebrities such as singer Chris Brown — become so entitled that they feel that smacking their girlfriend or spouse is acceptable behavior.

It is great that we're living in a culture where all of this is now on video, forcing us to confront these ugly, private behaviors. It allows fathers and mothers to speak to their sons — and daughters — and point out that it is never right to raise a fist toward anyone. These are teachable moments we cannot let slip by.

Professional athletics, particularly football, has in many cases bred a culture of machismo, violence and degradation of women that has reached a crisis point. Fortunately, through ubiquitous video technology and viral social media, the outrage that pours out after these incidents is starting

to lead to real punitive action — and accountability for those "bystanders" like NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, now in the hot seat for not taking swifter and more severe action against Rice when the video allegedly first surfaced.

Rice, a superstar player for the Minnesota Vikings, deserves to be banned for at least the rest of the year, and unless he agrees to a long-term plan of counseling and anger management training, he should not be allowed to play again. It is time we set a zero-tolerance policy on spousal abuse. The NFL and other sports leagues could do good by pioneering this crackdown and setting up programs that can be emulated by other parts of society.

The other huge issue is how we view the accountability of bystanders who supervise those who are accused of such behavior.

When former Penn State football Coach Joe Paterno covered up the horrific abuse perpetrated by one of his assistants, Jerry Sandusky, he went from hero to villain overnight. Now we will see whether Goodell failed in his role and whether his lack of action merits removal as commissioner.

This kind of scrutiny will resonate throughout the country. When CEOs or managers at corporations, nonprofits or government agencies are made aware of the private, bad behavior of their employees, they have a responsibility to speak up and do what is necessary to make sure that person gets help and that their behavior does not enter the workplace. Silence is not acceptable.

And then there is the related epidemic of sexual assault on college campuses just now being acknowl-

edged thanks to a few brave, young women, like the Columbia University student lugging around campus the bed in which she was sexually assaulted. University presidents, provosts, deans and faculty must start taking seriously being the parental figures of the 18-to-25-year-olds on campus.

Let's face it: the United States has been generally more enlightened than other cultures around the world, but we are still largely a patriarchal society.

The tide is beginning to turn, and this next generation has a chance to break down some of the barriers that have held women back. Paid family leave, for fathers as well as mothers, is one key component, equal pay for equal work is a huge part of our quest for economic justice and the proper education and training of young men, as early as their teen years,

in sexual relations is an area where we are sorely lacking.

We need to have an open and a candid public conversation about ways we can ensure that women feel safe and equal in our society throughout their lives. The shocking video of Rice's assault on his fiancée has allowed us to confront one aspect of this.

Let's not let this teachable moment go by and let's continue to agitate for a just society for all women.

As a father of two teenage girls, I feel this need more strongly than ever.

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# Hunters Point braces for growth with safer streets

BY BILL PARRY

Hunters Point South, the mammoth 5,000-unit residential complex under construction on Long Island City's waterfront, will begin accepting applications for affordable rentals beginning next month, according to developer Related Cos.

Meanwhile, elected officials and community activists are trying to prepare the neighborhood's infrastructure for the latest influx of new residents.

Many of them gathered on a corner of 5th Street and 50th Avenue Friday to review the latest changes the city Department of Transportation is making on a dangerous stretch of roadway.

City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) said, "If you just look behind us you'll see the fastest growing neigh-

borhood in New York City with more and more people coming here. An explosion of population with children and babies and we want to make sure these streets are safe for all those new children."

The DOT has turned 5th Street into a one-way road with new stop signs and speed bumps, something the community leaders have been fighting for two years to get.

"While we celebrate victory here today it's far from mission accomplished, we're not done," Van Bramer said. "It's an ongoing struggle to make these streets safer for the children."

Hunters Point South is one of 26 residential building projects underway in a 37-block area, and state Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) gave credit to the DOT for keeping pace with the boom.



Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer thanks the Department of Transportation for making a street safer in Long Island City.

Photo courtesy Jimmy van Bramer

"Oftentimes government is too slow keeping up with infrastructure," he said. "We're very good at pressuring agencies, but today we're here to thank the DOT for listening to us and heeding our call, listening to the people on the ground here and making changes. We've saved lives here and quite possibly the lives of children."

Both leaders credited Commissioner Polly Trottenberg for fast-tracking safe street projects as part of the de Blasio administration's Vision Zero initiative. "Long Island City's streets and skyline continue to evolve to reflect the dynamic growth of this neighborhood," DOT Queens Borough Commissioner Delila Hall said. "Community Board 2 Chairman Joe Conley said, "This is a great day for the community and we can check off another box on

our list."

He added that CB 2 will hold a series of public meetings to detail the application process for Hunters Point South.

Related Cos. will start sending out marketing materials next month that will announce the lottery for the 925 units of affordable housing, with priority going to current residents of CB 2 in Sunnyside, Woodside and Long Island City.

Once the marketing campaign begins, applicants will have 60 days to submit their applications through the NYC Housing Connect website.

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# Astoria fetes author at busy book signing

BY BILL PARRY

Visitors at the Atropolis Bakery and Patisserie in Astoria got more than just baklava and kataifi Saturday: They got a chance to meet a first-time author who has been creating a buzz in the Greek community.

Yvette Mannesis Corporon was signing copies of her novel "When the Cypress Whispers" and posing for photographs with a steady stream of customers.

"I've done many appearances at schools and synagogues since the book came out, but this is my first time at a bakery," she said.

Manesis Corporon is a two-time Emmy Award-winning producer, currently working at "Extra" covering celebrity news, but the topic for her book would seem to be quite far from the glitz and glamour of show business.

The story captures the deep bond between an American woman and her Greek grandmother and the secrets she learns of how the people of a Greek island saved a Jewish family from the Nazis during World War II.

"The book is based on my family and things I learned from my grandmother during the summers I spent with her on the island of Erikousa," Manesis Corporon said.

The book signing event was sponsored by Omega Wines and Spirits, next door to the bakery, at 23-18 31st St.

"I felt that if there's a way to promote a fellow Greek, I would do it," owner Irene Gounaris said. "It makes me proud that a young Greek woman writes a book that has such international acclaim and inspires the young people in our community. I'm happy and proud to do anything to help."

While Manesis Corporon is a resident of

Westchester, she's connected through her father Anastasio's long association with the Greek Federation of Hellenic-American Society.

"Astoria has such a huge Greek community I knew I had to come where they would look after one of their own," she said.

Published by Harper Collins, "When the Cypress Whispers" is an international bestseller.

"It's currently available in 13 languages and it's especially big in Poland — who knew?" she said.

The Astoria Bookshop provided dozens of copies of the novel for purchase.

"I'm Greek, so I can relate to the stories I've heard from my own grandmother," co-owner Faye Skandalakis said.

While Manesis Corporon chatted with her new fans, Atropolis provided trays of pastries. Omega served free samples of Greek wine.

"We have a tremendous selection of Greek sparkling wines," Gounaris said. "People try it and love it. It's very underrated."

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Author Yvette Mannesis Corporon signs copies of her novel "When the Cypress Whispers" at the Atropolis patisserie in Astoria Saturday.

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# NYHQ expands services

New York Hospital Queens kicked off an initiative last week to make its services more accessible to immigrants who do not speak English.

The Flushing hospital, at 60-10 Main St., launched its Community Health Initiatives program, which will expand language services for new immigrants seeking care.

"We've been working hard for many years to make sure that members of the Chinese community



Hospital staff, elected officials and community leaders gather at the announcement of the new program.

Photo courtesy by NYHQ

feel at home when they're at our hospital and medical practices — that our staff is aware and sensitive to their customs and values, that we honor their holidays and

traditions, that the food we offer them is authentic and more," said Stephen Mills, president of NYHQ. "Now with the Community Health Initiatives program, we can take this work to the next level."

The first immigrant community the initiative will aim to help will be the Chinese, as 30 percent of the hospital's patients come from China.

— Alex Robinson

## House passes Meng historic sites bill

A bill U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) introduced to make historic sights in Flushing part of the National Park Service passed the House of Representatives Monday night.

The bill would require the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to study the viability of adding the John Bowne and Old Quaker Meeting houses — both in down-

town Flushing — to the list of sites supported by the National Parks Service.

"The passage of this legislation brings us one step closer towards many more Americans learning about the important role that Queens played in the history of religious freedom in America," Meng said. "By studying the [Flushing] Remonstrance

and locations associated with it, the Bowne House and Quaker Meeting house could receive important federal resources while preserving their autonomy, integrity and critical place in history."

The bill will now wait to be brought to the U.S. Senate floor for a vote.

— Alex Robinson

## Lally opens campaign office in Queens

Congressional candidate Grant Lally opened a campaign headquarters in Queens last weekend as he continues his quest to unseat U.S. Rep. Steve Israel (D-Melville).

Lally, who is running on the GOP ticket as well as the Conservative line in November, unveiled a new office Sept. 14 at 24-55 Francis Lewis Blvd. in

Whitestone, one of the four Queens neighborhoods in the district Lally is seeking to represent, which also serves Little Neck, Douglaston and Bay Terrace and stretches into Long Island.

With less than two months to go until the election, Israel is also stepping up his re-election efforts, as he released his first television ad this week.

The commercial was unveiled Sept. 15 and highlights the congressman's dedication to helping New York's middle class and small businesses, a platform he has been known for throughout his tenure as a legislator.

— Kelsey Durham

## Voter registration to be held in Queens

New York City Votes will host drives at four sites across Queens as part of National Voter Registration day Sept 23.

Drives will be held at Elmhurst Hospital from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Community Board 5 in Glendale from 9

a.m. to 5 p.m., Community Board 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Care for the Homeless in Camaica from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

City residents who wish to register to vote or change their current registration information, such

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# More than 50 Queens restaurants ready for food festival

Manhattan tour operator promises to bring customers to annual Eat in Astoria promotional week

BY BILL PARRY

The inaugural Eat in Astoria restaurant festival includes 50 restaurants and bars offering special deals to participants bearing a free foodie pass from Sept. 19 to 28.

Each establishment will offer special deals, including prix fixe menus as low as \$25.

"The goal is to showcase everything about this great neighborhood from the restaurant and bar scene to its magnificent culture," event co-founder David Paxton said. "We're changing the way people do restaurant weeks."

Eat in Astoria is featuring popular restaurants like MP Taverna, Marketa and Snowdonia as well as newcomers like Mars, Pink Nori and Katch.

"Astoria's renowned restaurants participating in this event, they are attracting residents from across the city to Astoria," Queens Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jack Fried-

man said. "They're helping to boost their businesses and give people an opportunity to taste their great food."

Paxton is with the business consulting firm Triangulum Services that was brought in by the Queens Chamber of Commerce to promote the event.

"We're covering the cost of the event for free while giving them maximum exposure, we're blasting it all over Facebook and Twitter."

The Foodie Pass is available on the Eat in Astoria website. More than 700 have already signed up, and Paxton's expecting more than 2,000 people to participate.

Also involved in the promotion is Taste of NY, a company that runs food crawls through Manhattan.

"We're really big with corporate entities from multinational companies," Taste of NY founder Heather Dolland said. "We move from restaurant to restaurant for



The Sparrow Tavern takes part in a kickoff party for Eat in Astoria.

Photo courtesy Heather Dolland

much diversity in the culinary scene. I think our clients will find it very interesting. We're bringing the 212 to the 718!"

Dolland was thrilled with the turnout at a kickoff event at the Astoria Bank, at 37-16 30th Ave., Tuesday night. More than 300 people paid \$49 apiece to taste sample plates from 35 of the restaurants that are taking part next week.

"It was a wonderful way to kick this off bringing so many people together," Dolland said. "It was densely packed and I was so busy meeting people that I actually forgot to eat."

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each course, making it more of a social event than just sitting in one place."

Dolland added that her company is looking to expand their

business into the neighborhood.

"Astoria is not far from Manhattan, it's just across the river," she said. "You don't need a passport to get there and there's so

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# Students call for change at Gateway protest

BY SARINA TRANGLE

Gateway students made a ruckus to rival the morning bell last Friday.

Armed with signs reading "My education matters" and "Wake up DOE," close to 50 students protested outside the middle and high school, at 160-20 Goethals Ave. They chanted about their desire for immediate change, citing scheduling issues, a deteriorating relationship with the Queens Hospital Center and lack of extracurricular activities.

Some held posters with photos of Principal Judy Henry, but few mentioned the administrator's name when asked about their concerns.

Henry did not return a call for comment.

Kayla Fontaine, a junior from South Ozone Park, held a sign decrying the lack of academic programs with the Queens

Hospital Center the school shares a campus with. She said her friends sought to attend Queens Gateway to Health Sciences Secondary School because they were interested in medical careers, but were disappointed when the school stopped collaborating with the hospital.

More personally, Kayla said, she got stuck in an aerobics course that does not have a regular teacher or come with credits she needs.

"It's a full 50-minute class and you just sit there," she said.

Sandra Williams, the Parent-Teacher Association president, said the school has multiple aerobics and library classes that appear to be created to give students a structured environment, but do not yet have permanent, licensed teachers.

Williams said at least one special education class



Students rally outside Queens Gateway to Health Sciences Secondary School.  
Photo by Sarina Trangle

did not have an instructor with a special education teaching license.

The PTA president said parents were upset the school had hired a third gym teacher and was seeking a fourth, when many felt Gateway was losing cite of its science-centric origins.

But the protest did not

resonate with all students. Nicholas Lakhani wrote in an e-mail that he felt confident in Henry's leadership at Gateway.

"Gateway has no student's education at stake. If anything, it advances students," he wrote. "In eighth-grade, they have the opportunity to take Regents classes that a regular

student would take later in high school. She [Henry] tries for every student to graduate here with an advanced Regents diploma, or AP course credit."

Parents and pupils urged the DOE to examine Gateway's leadership in an April 2014 letter that critiqued the 800-pupil school's assistant principal staffing levels. The memo suggested the school should invest more in science education and its partnership with the hospital. It also alleged the administration misspent money and hired friends of the principal.

The DOE said it is investigating Henry. Under her tenure, Gateway received a "B" grade on its 2012-13 middle school progress report and an "A" on its high school progress report.

But both reviews gave Gateway a "C" for school environment, which mea-

sures attendance rates and a survey of how staff, students and parents view academic expectations, safety, respect and communication.

When asked about the protest, the DOE said it would weigh all feedback.

"We are committed to listening to the opinions and concerns of all members of the school community," the department said in a statement.

Emily Zand Halstuch, a senior from Jamaica, said oversight should include helping Gateway budget for the extracurricular activities needed to pad college applications.

"I had an interview yesterday for a scholarship and I see all these people and they are listing their extracurriculars and I am thinking, 'How do I do this?'" she said.



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Pictured back row from left: Principal Perer J. Mannarino; Dominik Makocki; Stephen Lebak; Jonathan Jarmangel; Robert Neidkovski; Sergio Velasquez; Victor Jaquez; math teacher, Richard Hartman. Front row from left: Edison Cahuana; Alysa Mendoza; Rebecca Paul; Kristen Tully; and Alison Maciocia.

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# Viva la Comida returns to Jackson Heights for third year

Ten of the most popular food trucks from around the borough will highlight popular street festival

BY BILL PARRY

The cultural diversity of Jackson Heights will be on display at the third annual Viva la Comida festival Saturday.

The 82nd Street Partnership's free event, in the area surrounding Dunningham Triangle on 82nd Street, is from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"We'll close off the street from Roosevelt Avenue south to Baxter Avenue and all of the restaurants, bakeries and service providers will open their doors," 82nd Street Partnership's Sophia Davila said. "It's an effort to foster local entrepreneurship as well as the local art scene with plenty of live jazz and roots music as well as a D.J. spinning all day."

In addition to the local eateries, a fleet of food

trucks was handpicked by event co-founder Jeff Orlick to take part in this year's festival, including local favorites such as The Chipper Truck, Morocho and Tacos La Familia. Each will offer special prices and portions to festival-goers.

Maria Cano will take part after missing last year's festival. Known around Jackson Heights as the Arepa Lady, Cano will grill her familiar Colombian corn cakes from the food cart she used for decades before opening her first restaurant, called the Arepa Lady, at Roosevelt Avenue and 77th Street, in June.

"I'm looking forward to Viva la Comida," Cano said through a translator. "These events are always interesting and bring a lot of new faces to the neighborhood. It's always good



Dancing, live jazz and musical performances mark Viva la Comida in Jackson Heights.  
Photo courtesy 82nd Street Partnership

for business because people try my food for the first time and they may come back to my restaurant."

There will also be a local pop-up crafts market for local vendors, such as Laura's Jewels, Queens 77, Design for You and Lithos du Monde.

There will also be a special dance performance by the Urzua Center for the Performing Arts.

"Urzua is also organizing a dance competition for kids for the first time," Davila said. "That should be a lot of fun."

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## 9/11 Motorcade

State Sen. Tony Avella dedicated 9/11 honoring dozens of firefighters by holding his 10th annual motorcade. (Clockwise from top.) Olivia Miller admires the cast iron replica of the Twin Towers at the 9/11 Memorial Park Dedication in Flushing. Avella greets members of the FDNY before hanging up a wreath in memory of Firefighter Michael Haub. Police officers pay their respects at the 9/11 Memorial Park. Fallen FDNY Firefighter Michael Carlo's picture hangs on his own dedicated street sign in Flushing. 9/11 Memorial Park Architect and Landscaper Daniel Naimoli shares a laugh with NYPD Officer Pizzio. See story on Page 3. Photos and photo illustration (bottom r.) by Chris Palermo





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# Woodside neighbors remember their 9/11 fallen heroes

## Residents honor 34 people from community at Doughboy Park who lost lives in terrorist attacks

BY JUAN SOTO

Woodside never forgets.

Residents of the neighborhood that lost 34 people in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks gathered on the 13th anniversary at the Doughboy Park to honor their fallen heroes.

In an emotional candlelight ceremony, about 200 people from the community marked the day that changed the world.

There was a solemn roll call of the names of the people from Woodside who lost their lives during the attack: Thomas Asthon, Firefighter Michael Brennan, Fire Marshal Ronald Bucca ....

As each name of the fallen was read, a neighbor carrying a white rose walked up to the plaque that commemorates the

victims.

Music sounded softly in the background as the roses were placed individually in one of the three baskets next to the plaque with the 34 names of Woodside's fallen heroes.

"It is important we come out every year," said Police Capt. Brian Hennessy, commanding officer of the 108th Precinct. "We were devastated, but with devastation came strength and resolve."

The tribute, after the salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, included a somber moment of silence.

Firefighters from local Ladder 163, neighbors, elected officials and emergency personnel attended this time of remembrance.

Sounds from the firefighters' radios were occasionally heard, as they



A candle lighting ceremony followed the reading of the names of the victims during a 9/11 memorial service.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

were on duty during the ceremony. Their fire trucks were parked at the street.

A total of 22 firefighters died on 9/11, including Bucca, the only fire marshal to be killed in the line

of duty in New York City history.

Bucca made it to the 78th floor of the south tower before it collapsed.

"We are here to honor those who vanished," said

an FDNY member. "As firefighters, we always try to keep the community safe."

Korean War veteran Ed Bergendahl read a poem written by Lawrence Homer and titled "September 11, 2002," a year after the towers fell to the ground.

"Terror will not be allowed to conquer courage," Bergendahl read. "And death shall not have dominion over life."

U.S. Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-Queens) said during the "horrific events" that a lot of people "did not have any choices and came down with the building."

The congressman told the audience to try "to make a difference every day. Sometimes [it] will be in a big way and sometimes [it] will be in a small way."

He added, "Woodside is a wonderful community because Woodside never

forgets."

Among the elected officials present were state Assembly members Margaret Markey (D-Maspeth) and Michael DenDekker (D-East Elmhurst), state Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) and City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside).

Michelle DellaFave sang the "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the vigil, organized, among others, by Woodside on the Move.

"Breathtaking," said Van Bramer after listening to DellaFave. "This is a community that never forgets, and it comes out every year."

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# Silent disco is big hit; movie up next for LIC



Silent disco draws a large crowd to Hunters Point South Park for dancing under the stars.

Photo courtesy Frank Raffaele

BY BILL PARRY

The verdict is in and silent disco is a hit.

More than 1,200 dancers took part in the first-time event at the new Hunter Point South Park in Long Island City Friday night.

Lincoln Center organized the night of dancing under the stars as part of its Lincoln Center Local, which brings world-class productions and entertainment directly to communities citywide. It became the first organization to provide public programming at the waterfront park.

"It was a beautiful night in a wonderful spot," Lincoln Center spokeswoman Kate Merlino said. "There were so many people having such a great time and we'd certainly be interested in bringing more events to Queens in the future, absolutely."

Silent disco became popular in Britain over the last decade and it is beginning to catch on in the United States. Each dancer rents head phones and listens to different music played by two DJs.

The three-hour party took place at the event space on the East River administered by LIC Landing by Coffeed, whose founder

Frank Raffaele was thrilled with the turnout.

"Not just the huge crowd of dancers, but there was a thousand more who came to watch them dance to music you wouldn't hear," he said. "It was phenomenal, a real blast, and a great use of the space."

Borough President Melinda Katz planned the event with City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Jackson Heights).

"It was so much fun and it's great that we were able to bring an event like that to Queens," Katz said. "The park is a wonderful space with great views of Manhattan. It was just a great way to show off what Queens has to offer, and for once we gave the folks in Manhattan something to look at! It was a win-win for everyone."

And it's not the final event of the summer at the waterfront park. On Saturday night, the Hunters Point Parks Conservancy will host its first outdoor movie night with a screening on the Academy Award-nominated film "Julie & Julia" starring Meryl Streep, Amy Adams and Stanley Tucci.

"It's the perfect film to show because it's so connected to Long Island City,"

Rob Basch, the conservancy's director of events, said. "It was filmed on the streets of Long Island City and it was inspired by one of our residents, Julie Powell."

The film depicts Powell's attempts to cook 524 recipes from Julia Child's cookbook in 365 days, a challenge she described on her popular blog. Powell will be at the screening and will participate in a Q&A afterward.

"I've lived in LIC for 12 years," Powell said. "Its streets, arts, parks and especially people are my inspiration. Having 'Julie & Julia' screened at Hunters Point is so exciting for me, and such an honor."

The event is sponsored by the real estate firm, NestSeekers International, that moved into Long Island City eight years ago. "We have since been a part of every step of the transformation of turning this very special neighborhood into a vibrant, lively destination," Adrian Lupo said on behalf of the NestSeekers team. "We are delighted to continue to be part of the community and bring these special events to a special place like Long Island City."

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# Richards warns of climate change dangers

BY JUAN SOTO

City Councilman Donovan Richards (D-Laurelton) introduced legislation in the Council that recognizes “the dangers of climate change to human health.”

He called for the use of renewable energy and to stop using fossil fuels, like carbon and oil.

Richards, chairman of the Committee on Environmental Protection, also said the resolution supports the People’s Climate March that will take place in Manhattan Sept. 21.

“Climate change has long been taboo,” said the lawmaker. “But we simply cannot ignore the wealth of compelling evidence regarding our impact on the environment.”

The march is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. at Columbus Circle in Manhattan. The march will

take place two days before the celebration of the United Nations Climate Summit Sept. 23.

“The People’s Climate March is going to be like New York City itself: big, diverse and, above all, loud,” said May Boeve, of 350.org, a grassroots global climate movement.

Richards pointed out that the passing of the legislation, which he described as “historic,” “highlights the commitment to environmental preservation and a greener future for New York City.”

Days before the Council voted of Richards’ resolution, the lawmaker visited Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, to analyze the environmental impact on the communities where hydraulic fracturing, a process to extract natural gas, takes place.

The Pennsylvania region was chosen because



DONOVAN RICHARDS

“We simply cannot ignore the wealth of compelling evidence regarding our impact on the environment.”

“extensive hydraulic fracturing” occurs there, said Richards, and also because it neighbors New York state.

Known as fracking, the practice is controversial due to the injection of chemicals into the ground at a high pressure.

“New York has maintained a ban on hydraulic fracturing due to initial uncertainty of risks associated with the process,” said

the lawmaker. “I believe we can safely conclude that increasing our reliance upon natural gas or any other fossil fuel is a step away from building a truly sustainable and environmentally sound future.”

New York state banned fracking six years ago.

Richards partnered with Food and Water Watch New York, a nonprofit that calls for “common-sense policies” to have healthier food and drinking water, in his bus trip to Susquehanna County.

The tour to the Pennsylvania region pretended to see “the effects of fracking first-hand.”

“New Yorkers are hearing more and more about the alarming health and environmental hazards of fracking, which is why so many of us are so opposed to it,” said Eric Weltman, from Food and Water Watch.

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# LIC theater owner picked to join international art team

## Chocolate Factory founder Sheila Lewandowski sole New Yorker among tapped community leaders

BY BILL PARRY

Sheila Lewandowski is about to get even busier.

In addition to the upcoming fall schedule at The Chocolate Factory Theater, of which she is the founder and executive director, she was the only New Yorker named to the latest class of The Chief Executive Program at National Arts Strategies, an organization dedicated to leading change throughout the arts and culture sector.

"I love learning from peers, but this is a group made up of community leaders in arts communities from 23 different nations," Lewandowski said. "The interaction with like-minded people, all leaders in their communities that do art-driven projects, will better prepare me to tackle challenges here in my com-

munity."

In addition to her work at the Obie Award-winning theater, at 5-49 49th Ave. in Long Island City, Lewandowski is a member of Community Board 2, a founding member of LIC Business Women, founder of The Taste of LIC, a member of the Queens Botanical Garden and on the Steering Committee at Hunters Point South Park.

She was also the first managing director at the Queens Council on the Arts, where she increased the budget by 20 percent, and two years ago she was added to a list of Women of Distinction by the state Senate for everything she does in the community.

"You find the time when it's something you're passionate about," she said.

Now she joins the National Arts Strategies'



Chocolate Factory founder Sheila Lewandowski is selected to an international panel on art community leadership.

Photo courtesy Taste of LIC

Chief Executive Program.

"These 50 leaders will have the ideas, tools and connections to affect change in their organiza-

tions and to accelerate their work collectively to strengthen communities and the cultural sector," NAS CEO Gail Crider said.

The roster includes directors of cultural institutions from across the country and overseas, including Taiwan, England and Egypt. The program will include three in-person educational events at Vanderbilt University in Memphis, Tenn., the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business and finally at the Sundance resort.

The events are designed to help leaders move forth their own unique objectives and goals.

"The project I'm working on that's most important to me is finding a permanent home for my Chocolate Theater," Lewandowski said. "I can't wait to learn what leaders from Palo Alto, California, or Bogota, Colombia, would do if they were in my position. That will make me more effective and definitely

broaden my own personal network."

When the director of National Arts Strategies, Sunny Widmann, informed Lewandowski of her place on the Chief Executive Program, she wrote, "We are certain that we've assembled a truly exceptional group of leaders for this program, and your vision and experience make you a perfect fit."

Lewandowski's selection was roundly applauded in Long Island City.

"We're all very proud of her because it's such a big honor," Manducatis Rustica owner Gianna Cerbone Teoli said. "She's such a great leader in our community and she totally deserves the recognition."

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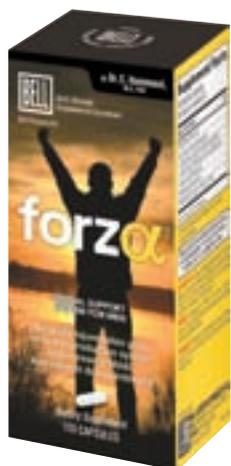
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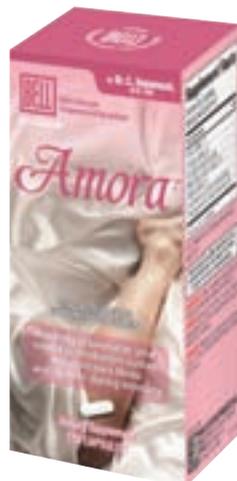
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# Coalition forged to fight Glendale shelter plan

BY SARINA TRANGLE

Glendale and Middle Village are hoping a lawyer can help them raise the bar on a shuttered factory's future.

A coalition of civic groups, business organizations and western Queens residents near a proposed homeless shelter, at 78-16 Cooper Ave., have hired attorney E. Christopher Murray to represent them and are attempting to raise \$100,000 for legal fees via the Go Fund Me online fund-raising hub.

The new Glendale/Middle Village Coalition has raised about \$20,000, according to the Middle Village Property Owners Association and Middle Village Chamber of Commerce President Salvatore Crifasi.

The group, which describes a proposal to house 125 families in the vacant

sewing mill and airplane parts factory as "warehousing," has scheduled an Oct. 1 meeting in Christ the King High School to discuss its plans.

Crifasi said the attorney is examining all possible uses for the property, including using it for a school and acting as what he described as a much-needed liaison between the city and coalition.

"We're basically turning around to try to get the proper response that we should be getting from the government," he said. "The proper response is to give us the best use for the property."

"District 24 is the most overcrowded in the city," Crifasi added. "Local schools do not have enough room, so that should be one of the priorities."

Glendale, Middle Village and other nearby communities have long opposed



A new coalition is raising money for legal fees in its fight against the city's plan for a homeless shelter, at 78-16 Cooper Ave.

the city's plans in an up to \$27.5 million contract with Samaritan Village, a Briarwood nonprofit, to operate the shelter for five years.

Residents and elected

officials argued the facility may not be safe and an influx of residents would overwhelm packed classrooms, crowded buses and trains and taxed sewage

systems.

But a study commissioned by the city this July determined opening a 51,000-square-foot residence where a four-story,

red brick building now sits would not come with significant adverse environmental impacts.

Since then, the coalition has banded together the Middle Village Chamber of Commerce, Middle Village Property Owners Association, Glendale Civic Association, Glendale Chamber of Commerce, Glendale Property Owners Association and Juniper Park Civic Association, among other businesses, residents and partners.

Murray said he anticipates filing an Article 78 proceeding challenging the city's study and arguing a more thorough one was necessary. The coalition would have until roughly Oct. 12 to do so.

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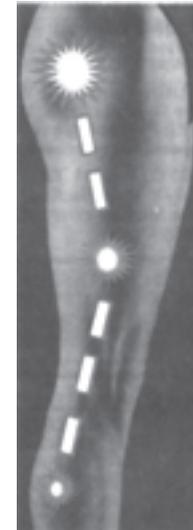
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# Jackson Heights flocks to neighborhood bike bonanza

DOT, advocacy group hand out free helmets and push street safety at Travers Park educational fair

BY ALEX ROBINSON

Scores of children and parents rolled through Travers Park in Jackson Heights Saturday afternoon for a bike bonanza hosted by advocacy group Make Queens Safer.

The event was held in partnership with the city Department of Transportation and a number of other organizations to educate families about street safety.

“So many times it takes a tragedy to get people talking about these things,” said Jackson Heights resident Veronica Marino, whose 11-year-old daughter participated in the bike bonanza. “[This] event was an impressive educational experience that helped us all create healthy habits.”

The fair had a number of educational and safety

awareness activities, including a class for children learning to ride their bikes, a free bike repair station and a neighborhood traffic study, which was conducted by students from neighboring IS 230.

DOT opened a bike helmet giveaway at 10 a.m. to a line that wrapped around Rory Staunton Field and dolled out 723 helmets by the end of the day.

“The outreach in the neighborhood was a tremendous success,” said Theresa Barry, director of special events for Vision Zero, a DOT initiative to lower car crash fatalities. “People are taking it upon themselves to be responsible street users, and I find that encouraging.”

More than 70 children waited in line to swap bikes they had outgrown for ones that fit them, according to



Volunteers teach children how to ride a bicycle at the bike bonanza in Jackson Heights.

Photo by Alex Robinson

Recycle-a-Bicycle, a non-profit that ran the service.

“We’re overwhelmed by how great it went,” said

Christina Furlong, a co-founder of Make Queens Safer. “It was well beyond our expectations.”

Concerned parents formed Make Queens Safer about a year ago in order to try to put a stop to the bor-

ough’s steep rise in pedestrian deaths the year before. The group reached out to elected officials, schools and the DOT to raise awareness about the issue and the push for the city and state governments to act.

Mayor Bill de Blasio recently signed 11 laws associated with his Vision Zero initiative into law, aimed to eradicate traffic injuries and deaths.

“I applaud Make Queens Safer for putting together this important event,” said City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights), who attended the bike bonanza. “Providing the tools and knowledge on how to safely navigate the streets of our neighborhoods can help reduce accidents and improve the quality of life for all members of our community.”

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TO THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING



Kristen Terrana's Artist Pins is part of this weekend's Ridgewood Market. Photo courtesy Kristen Terrana

## TAP INTO BOROUGH TREASURES

From vintage finds to handmade crafts, Ridgewood Market offers plenty for all kinds of shoppers

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

If you're an art lover or foodie and if you can't get enough of vintage and handmade treasures then don't miss the Ridgewood Market this Sunday right here in Queens.

More than 40 independent and local artisan vendors will be selling their one-of-a-kind products and creations at this popular

indoor flea at Gottscheer Hall.

Bring the kids or a date. There will be a 50/50 Raffle and prize raffles, and you can enjoy food and pastries, even live music and entertainment.

Back in December 2012 Sarah Feldman, creator of the Ridgewood Market, was selling her jewelry at a regular flea market in the neighborhood.

"A few artistic vendors and I came to the realization that we needed something more," she said. "We needed a place away from resold, mass produced items. Those types of goods are really hard to compete with, without lowering your prices on handmade products."

They yearned for an affordable, local artistic outlet without the high costs

of renting a storefront or other fees associated with artisan fleas around New York City. Feldman said she knew from experience that some fleas can cost around \$150 per table.

"We also wanted a recurrent clientele. So we decided to have our very own artisan flea market right here in Ridgewood," she said. "The market went from a fun idea to an actual professional business. I had no idea I would be considering hiring interns, drafting up proposals, making sponsorship packages, or posting ads in local papers ever in my life."

The organizers have an application process vendors go through and they curate specific vendors for upcoming markets.

"Our market has a



Kristen Terrana creates pins with the designs of Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol and this one with Salvador Dali.

Photo courtesy Kristen Terrana

personable approach with a close-knit, diverse, artisan community. All our vendors know my name," said Feldman. "I find in this digital age, human contact or the feeling you are talking to another person, is very important. Our vendors have created a sort

of six degree separation in our neighborhood and elsewhere in the Queens and New York City area. Our event not only helps vendors with their business, but also with networking."

Several vendors weigh in.

Nancy C. Sampson is an illustrator, who has lived in Brooklyn for 19 years. The Ridgewood Market is going to be her first official craft show.

"I have been selling my NYC- and urban-themed prints and greeting cards on Etsy via The Nancydraws Shop since 2009," she said. "What I am excited about right now is a series of temporary tattoos that I've created for foodies, called Foodietoos."

Barbie Rodriguez (Pla-  
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"Wicked" Stephen Schwartz  
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of Matthew from the New  
Testament.

**When:** Through Sept. 28,  
Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm,  
Sundays at 2 pm

**Where:** Rockaway Theatre  
Co., Building T4, Fort Tilden,  
Rockaway

**Cost:** \$20/adults, \$15/seniors  
and children

**Contact:** (718) 374-6400

**Website:** www.  
rockawaytheatrecompany.org

**"Talk Radio"** – Variations  
Theatre Group presents Eric  
Bogosian's play inspired by the  
1984 murder of radio shock jock  
Alan Berg.

**When:** Through Sept. 27

**Where:** The Chain Theatre, 21-  
28 45th Road, Long Island City

**Cost:** \$18

**Contact:** (646) 580-6003

**Website:** www.  
variationstheatrecompany.org

### TALKING HEAD



Kirk Gostkowski plays Barry Champlain in the Variations Theatre Group's production of Eric Bogosian's play "Talk Radio." The show runs through Sept. 27. For more information and tickets, visit www.variationstheatrecompany.com. Photo courtesy Michael Benabib

### "Say Goodnight Gracie" –

Alan Safier portrays legendary  
comedian George Burns in this  
Tony-nominated play written by  
Rupert Holmes. When: Saturday,  
Sept. 27, at 2 pm and 8 pm;  
Sunday, Sept. 28, at 3 pm with  
a talk-back with Holmes and

Safier after the show

**Where:** Queens Theatre, 14  
United Nations Ave. South,  
Flushing Meadows Corona Park

**Cost:** \$25 - \$42

**Contact:** (718) 760-0064

**Website:** www.queens theatre.  
org

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Easy #7

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	5						8	
			8		9			
3		8	7		1	4		9

Hard #8

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	5			3		4		

Fill in the grids so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. There should be no repeats; which means that no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

Tips at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)  
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# Tazzina travels from Glendale to Forest Hills

Helmed by Food Network reality show winner, Italian eatery hits high and low notes in its early days

BY SUZANNE PARKER

## DINING OUT

Is history repeating itself? About 10 years ago, there was a much beloved Italian restaurant in an obscure part of Glendale. After building a devoted following, the owner decided that he had outgrown his petite digs, and relocated to Metropolitan Avenue in Forest Hills. Although the new site was not much more elegant than the original, the owner seemed to believe that he was now operating an upscale restaurant, and raised his prices accordingly. The quality of the food also suffered, and the restaurant closed after little more than a year.

The compact Glendale site vacated by the aforementioned resto was taken over by Tazzina. This was the venture of Ridgewood native Jason Zukas, whose claim to fame was winning

a \$10,000 prize on the Food Network's show "Chopped." Tazzina enjoyed the same hidden gem cachet of that out of the way location. Mr. Zukas also felt the lure of Forest Hills.

Tazzina has reopened in the former location of the long lived Tutto Bene, and the subsequently short lived Piccola Italia. The space is attractively decorated, but noisy, and with small, unclothed tables, packed close together.

The wine list ranges from affordable to splurge. Many are rated "DOC Reserve." We wondered if that was a new wine appellation that had slipped by us. Turns out that "DOC" is one of the investors, nicknamed "Doc" for his dental profession.



A highlight of dinner at Tazzina was the Fluke Francese, floating in a heavenly sea of garlic.

Photo by Suzanne Parker

Keeping in mind that this is a new location, still working out some of the kinks, we found that they hit both highs and lows.

The truffled gnocchi, one of Mr. Zukas' signature dishes was appealingly rich, and the gnocchi well executed. But the redolence of truffles in the otherwise tasty mushroom sauce was

noticeably absent. The grilled octopus was tender and flavorful. The big disappointment was the roasted bone marrow. The portion was enormous, but fatally flawed. The larger bones were not cooked through, so that the interior fat remained opaque and solid—in other words raw. The inconsistent size

of the bones was responsible for the problem. To Tazzina's credit, when this was pointed out, the marrow was removed from the bill. Likewise, our choice of pasta was another bloop. Rigatoni was served so undercooked that it was a chore to chew. It was also removed from the final bill.

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## IF YOU GO

### Tazzina

102-15 Metropolitan Ave,  
Forest Hills  
(718) 374-3890  
[www.tazzinany.com](http://www.tazzinany.com)

**Price Range:** Appetizers:  
\$12-\$19, Entrees: \$20-\$40  
**Cuisine:** New American  
Italian

**Setting:** Small space  
tastefully decorated.

**Service:** Friendly, attentive  
wait service

**Hours:** Dinner from 5:30 p.m.,  
Tuesday through Sunday

**Reservations:** Optional

**Alcohol:** Full bar

**Parking:** Street, valet  
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**Dress:** Casual

**Children:** Welcome

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# Flushing Town Hall challenged to raise money

Center will receive \$35,000 from anonymous source if it is able to secure equal amount on own

BY KEVIN ZIMMERMAN

Flushing Town Hall needs help with its latest financial challenge.

An anonymous donor has pledged \$35,000 to the Queens cultural institution provided it can raise the same amount on its own.

The money would be earmarked for general operating support.

"That is the most difficult kind of funding to get," said Ellen Kodadek, executive and artistic director of Flushing Town Hall. "Most people like to fund programs. They say, 'I want to fund a children's program.' Nobody says I want to fund your insurance bill."

But without money to pay the bills and cover the payroll, there would be no programming, said Kodadek. About two weeks ago, one of Flushing Town



M.A.K.U SoundSystem holds a dance party concert at Flushing Town Hall in October.

Photo courtesy Flushing Town Hall

Hall's board members presented the challenge to the rest of the directors.

The donor is described as a supporter of the arts.

"Flushing Town Hall is a hidden gem which will shine more brightly with the support of those who have enjoyed its performances and programs from across the globe," said the donor through the board member. "I truly believe in this institution — and I hope that this challenge will motivate others to open their wallets and hearts, thereby enabling this gem to be brighter than ever, enriching the culture of this diverse community."

"This is the first time we have received this kind of grant," said Kodadek. "And the only stipulation is, it needs to be new money, or an increase in

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## EVENTS

**NYC Parks Bocce Tournament 2014 Finals** – Watch the city's best bocce players aim for the title.  
**When:** Saturday, Sept. 20, at 9 am  
**Where:** Bocce Court in Juniper Valley Park, Middle Village  
**Cost:** Free  
**Website:** [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org)

**Queens County Fair** – The 32nd edition of a traditional county fair includes blue ribbon competitions, pie-eating contests, hayrides, pig races and entertainment for the family.  
**When:** Saturday, Sept. 20, and Sunday, Sept. 21, from 11 am - 6 pm  
**Where:** Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, Glen Oaks  
**Cost:** \$9/adults, \$5/children 12 and under, some attractions require additional fees  
**Contact:** (718) 347-3276  
**Website:** [www.queensfarm.org](http://www.queensfarm.org)

**Farmer's Market Fridays** – Fresh, local and seasonal products available every Friday.  
**When:** Fridays, 8:30 am - 4 pm, through Nov. 21  
**Where:** Queens Botanic Garden, Main Street and Dahlia Avenue, Flushing  
**Contact:** (718) 886-3800  
**Website:** [www.queensbotanical.org](http://www.queensbotanical.org)

**GrowNYC Greenmarket** – Farm-fresh vegetables and seasonal produce available every Saturday.  
**When:** Saturdays, 8 am - 4 pm, through Nov. 22  
**Where:** Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City  
**Contact:** (718) 956-1819  
**Website:** [www.socratessculpturepark.org](http://www.socratessculpturepark.org)

**Sunday Tai Chi in Socrates Sculpture Park** – Certified instructors from the Taoist Tai Chi Society lead these weekly classes.  
**When:** Sundays, from 11 am - noon, through Sept. 28  
**Where:** Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 956-1819  
**Website:** [www.socratessculpturepark.org](http://www.socratessculpturepark.org)

## MUSIC

**The Replacements** – The Minneapolis-based band brings its 1980s alternative sound to Forest Hills.  
**When:** Friday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 pm  
**Where:** Forest Hills Stadium, Forest Hills  
**Cost:** \$59.50  
**Website:** [www.foreshillstadium.com](http://www.foreshillstadium.com)

**Jason Mraz and Raining Jane in All Five Boroughs** – The Grammy award-winning singer performs shows in each borough including this stop in Queens.  
**When:** Friday, Sept. 19, at 8 pm  
**Where:** Kupferberg Center for the Arts, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing  
**Cost:** \$25 - \$75  
**Contact:** (718) 793-8080  
**Website:** [www.kupferbergcenter.org](http://www.kupferbergcenter.org)

## KIDS & FAMILY

**Hands-on History: We the People** – Celebrate Constitution Day by making American flags in 19th-century designs and practice writing with a quill pen.  
**When:** Saturday, Sept. 20, from noon - 3 pm  
**Where:** King Manor Museum, Rufus King Park, Jamaica Center  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 206-0545  
**Website:** [www.kingmanor.org](http://www.kingmanor.org)

**Basic Canoeing** – The Urban Rangers lead this canoeing adventure. Participation in mandatory safety review is required. Program is on a first-come, first-serve basis and open to adults and children 8 years and older.  
**When:** Saturday, Sept. 20, 1 pm  
**Where:** Fort Totten Park, Totten Road and Cross Island Parkway, Bay Terrace, meet at the front gate  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 352-1769  
**Website:** [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org)

**The Amazing Captain Faust** – The Coney Island illusionist brings his slight-of-hand tricks to Queens.  
**When:** Saturday, Sept. 20, at 2 pm and 4 pm  
**Where:** Carousel in Forest Park,

Woodhams  
**Cost:** Free  
**Website:** [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org)

**Children's Garden Fall Sessions** – Young gardeners, ages 5 to 12, can explore the Queens Botanical Garden's herb and bee gardens and cook with just-harvested produce.  
**When:** Sept. 21, Oct. 4 and Oct. 26, from 2 pm - 4 pm  
**Where:** Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing  
**Cost:** \$20 per session/non-members, \$15 per session/members, \$75 for four sessions/non-members, \$55 for four sessions/members  
**Contact:** (718) 886-3800  
**Website:** [www.queensbotanical.org](http://www.queensbotanical.org)

**Family Health & Fitness Day** – Take part in fitness activities, watch dance performances and learn about healthy living and safety.  
**When:** Saturday, Sept. 27, from 11 am - 3 pm  
**Where:** Roy Wilkins Recreation Center, 177th Street and Baisley Boulevard, St. Albans  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 393-7370  
**Website:** [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org)

**Noguchi Open Studio: Drop-In Program for Families** – On the first Sunday of every month, families can explore the galleries and then spend time in the education room making art. Educators will be on hand to discuss gallery connections, introduce materials and assist in art making. No registration is required.  
**When:** First Sunday of each month, 11 am to 1 pm  
**Where:** Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Road, Long Island City  
**Cost:** \$10 per family/includes museum admission and materials  
**Contact:** (718) 204-7088  
**Website:** [www.noguchi.org](http://www.noguchi.org)

## DANCE

**"Leap of Faith"** – Choreographers Hala Shah and Indah M. Walsh debut a work as part of LPAC's "Beyond Sacred: Unthinking Muslim Identity" series.  
**When:** Friday, Sept. 20, at 8 pm  
**Where:** LaGuardia Performing Arts Center, 31-10 Thomson Ave., Long Island City  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Contact:** (718) 482-5151  
**Website:** [www.laguardiaperformingarts.org](http://www.laguardiaperformingarts.org)

**Japanese Classical Dance at Resobox** – Workshops teach the 400-year-old nichibu dance popularized in kabuki. All

experience levels are welcome and all materials are provided.  
**When:** Mondays, 5:30 pm workshop for children 8 to 11; 6:30 pm workshop for all ages 12 and up  
**Where:** Resobox, 41-26 27th St., Long Island City  
**Cost:** \$25/adults, \$20/students  
**Contact:** (718) 784-3680  
**Website:** [www.resobox.com](http://www.resobox.com)

**Free Line Dance Lessons** – Free line dance lessons given by professional dance instructor, Bernardo, every Monday.  
**When:** Mondays, 1 pm  
**Where:** Pomonok Senior Center, 67-09 Kissena Blvd., Flushing  
**Contact:** Jennifer Buljan (718) 591-3377

## GALLERIES & EXHIBITS

**Another Point of View - A Retrospective of Felipe Taborda** – This exhibition focuses on the Latin American graphic designers work between 1983 -2014.  
**When:** Through Oct. 29, Artist's talk will be held Sept. 25, Opening reception is slated for Sept. 25, at 5 pm  
**Where:** Dr. M.T. Geoffrey Yeh Art Gallery, Sun Yat Sen Hall, St. John's University, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Jamaica Estates  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 990-7476  
**Website:** [www.stjohns.edu](http://www.stjohns.edu)

**Skowhegan Performs at Socrates Sculpture Park** – Alumni from the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture take over all of the park with their site-specific works.  
**When:** Saturday, Sept. 27, from 1 pm - 5 pm  
**Where:** Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 956-1819  
**Website:** [www.socratessculpturepark.org](http://www.socratessculpturepark.org)

**Museum Day Live! at Kingsland Homestead** – Smithsonian magazine presents

this annual free admission day to participating museums around the country.  
**When:** Saturday, Sept. 27, from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
**Where:** Kingsland Homestead, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushing  
**Cost:** Free, but a Museum Day Live! ticket from [www.smithsonianmag.com](http://www.smithsonianmag.com) is required.  
**Contact:** (718) 939-0647  
**Website:** [www.queenshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.queenshistoricalsociety.org)

**Andy Warhol's Photo-Aesthetic and Beyond** – The recent donations from the Andy Warhol Foundation to Queens College will highlight the artist's use of photo silkscreen, Polaroid photographs, silver gelatin prints and black and white shots.  
**When:** Through Nov. 1  
**Where:** Godwin-Ternbach Museum at Queens College, 405 Klapper Hall, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 997-4747  
**Website:** [www.qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/godwin\\_ternbach](http://www.qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/godwin_ternbach)

**Richard Dupont: Object Ritual** – Dupont works include experiments with digital scanning and 3D printings using his body as the subject.  
**When:** Through Nov. 16  
**Where:** Queens Museum at Bulova Corp. Center, 75-20 Astoria Blvd., Jackson Heights  
**Contact:** (718) 592-9700  
**Website:** [www.queensmuseum.org](http://www.queensmuseum.org)

## COMEDY

**Open Mic at Rapture Lounge** – All musicians, poets, writers, singers-songwriters, comedians and performance artists are welcome. Sign-up at 8 pm.  
**When:** Mondays, 8:30 pm to 10 pm  
**Where:** Rapture Lounge, 34-27 28th Ave., Astoria  
**Cost:** No cover, \$10 minimum  
**Contact:** (718) 626-8044

**Website:** [www.rapturelounge.com](http://www.rapturelounge.com)

**Astoria Comedy All Stars** – Ben Rosenfeld hosts five different comics each week. Comics range from underground NYC acts to nationally touring headliners. The show is absolutely free, no cover charge and no drink minimum.  
**When:** Tuesdays, 8 pm  
**Where:** On the Rox Lounge, 43-03 Broadway, Astoria  
**Contact:** Ben Rosenfeld [ben@bigbencomedy.com](mailto:ben@bigbencomedy.com)  
**Website:** [bigbencomedy.com/blog/archives/astoria\\_comedy\\_all\\_stars](http://bigbencomedy.com/blog/archives/astoria_comedy_all_stars)

**The Regulars Comedy Show** – Every Wednesday night New York's up-and-coming and already arrived comedians hang out and tell jokes at The Creek & The Cave.  
**When:** Wednesdays, 10 pm  
**Where:** The Creek & The Cave, 10-93 Jackson Ave., Long Island City  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 706-8783  
**Website:** [www.creeklic.com](http://www.creeklic.com)

**Queen's Secret Improv Club** – On Friday nights, teams perform seven improvisation comedy sets on the half-hour. Tickets are good for all seven shows.  
**When:** Fridays, 7:30 pm to 11 pm  
**Where:** The Secret Theatre, 44-02 23rd St., Long Island City  
**Cost:** \$5/good for all or any of the seven performances  
**Contact:** (718) 392-0722  
**Website:** [www.secrettheatre.com](http://www.secrettheatre.com)

**Face Off Unlimited presents Improvius Maximus** – Long-form improv teams compete in Mighty Caesar's arena for laughs and glory.  
**When:** Fridays, 10:30 pm  
**Where:** The Secret Theatre, 44-02 23rd St., Long Island City  
**Cost:** \$10  
**Contact:** (718) 392-0722  
**Website:** [www.secrettheatre.com](http://www.secrettheatre.com)

## Flushing

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what someone is already giving."

For example, she said, if an individual currently donates \$500 a year that amount would not count toward the challenge. But if that same person ups the gift to \$700 this year, the additional \$200 would be placed in the challenge pot.

Naturally any money presented by a first-time donor would all be counted toward the challenge, she said.

Flushing Town Hall has until the end of February 2015 to raise \$35,000 in order to receive the donor's match.

Without much publicity about the challenge the money already has started to flow in.

"We are just thrilled," said Kodadek. "We got our first online donation. It was

a new donor, who pledged \$1,000."

And Kodadek wants to ensure potential donors that pledges do not need to be four digits, or three, or even two for that matter.

"I don't want people to be scared off," she said. "The Statute of Liberty was restored by people sending in pennies."

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# First Annual Celebrity Red Carpet Fundraiser Gala

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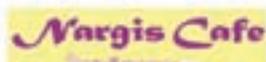
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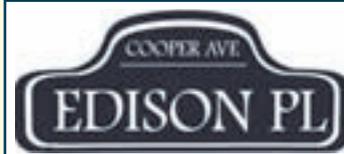


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People from the community and elected officials gather at IS 59 to support children and their education as the Rev. Corey Terry speaks to the crowd. Photo by Nat Valentine

# Community and officials rally for IS 59 students

BY JUAN SOTO

It was not your typical morning school bell ring at IS 9 in Springfield Gardens Monday.

There was something unusual.

Parents, neighbors, community activists, clergy and elected officials gathered at the school to rally in favor of the children and their education.

"We were there to encourage the students and to let them know that if they work hard, they can become whatever they want," said the Rev. Corey Terry, of the Southeast Queens Our Brothers Guardians, a mentoring nonprofit.

"Children were surprised to see us there," said Terry, "but they were very happy about it."

The early morning rally took place as kids from the school were entering the building to get to their classrooms.

IS 59, at 132-55 Ridgedale St., began to share building space with a Success Academy charter school this academic year.

U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica) led the rally and said it was "un-

fair" that children at the same building do not have the same "learning conditions."

The congressman said, "This sends a bad message to kids."

Meeks pointed out, for example, that some students at the building have facilities with air conditioning while others do not.

"This is just a terrible message," added Meeks.

"We will work hard to make sure all students have the same means," said Terry.

But the congressman said that as the kids were walking into the classrooms, "they were shaking our hands, saying 'Good morning.' They were happy."

Meeks said the main goal of the rally was to let the children know "that they can be all they want to be." He was glad, he pointed out, to see "many men from the community there, supporting the kids."

"We want to make sure our kids know that we are there for them," said Meeks, who, in cooperation with Our Brothers Guardians, "adopted" IS 59 two years ago to prove that communi-

ties and their organizations "have the capacity to help revitalize local schools."

Among the elected officials at the rally were state Assemblyman William Scarborough (D-Jamaica) and City Councilmen I. Daneek Miller (D-St. Albans) and Donovan Richards (D-Laurelton).

"There is no better way than having men from the community get together to support our children," said Miller. "The men who came out pledge their support to their kids and wives, and to the community in general," added the councilman.

A little after kids entered the school, the rally was over but the support will continue throughout the school year.

"We were here and we will continue to be here to help our kids," said Miller. "This was a good, positive event."

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# Business

## Astoria ice cream maker expands business

DF Mavens creates jobs for Queens residents and makes all products in-house with local ingredients

BY KELSEY DURHAM

After more than 40 years in the business, ice cream maker Malcolm Stogo is using his new factory in Astoria to change the face of desserts.

Opened about a year and a half ago, the plant, at 24-20 49th St., produces a dairy-free ice cream in its newly renovated space, and the item has increased in popularity over the past 12 months.

The tasty treat, titled DF Mavens, follows suit with Stogo's other products by being made 100 percent in-house with all-natural, local ingredients.

"Our ice cream is unique because we do everything in-house and we're the cutting edge of new products," said Stogo, referred to in the food industry as the Godfather of Ice Cream. "We call ourselves a one-stop shop. We do everything natural and fresh, and we do it here."

Stogo opened the factory in Queens, his first in New York, after deciding to expand to the metropolitan area, as most plants are located in the Eastern Hemisphere. He said he searched around for a while in the New Jersey area before crossing the river into New



The DF Mavens ice cream plant in Astoria is expanding.

Photo courtesy Danielle Dexter

We love it in general because we're close to Manhattan, close to airports, close to highways.

Malcolm Stogo

York, and he soon found himself looking at more affordable real estate in Queens.

"We were looking all over the area but really didn't find anything we liked until we decided to come to Queens," Stogo

said. "It's more affordable than Manhattan and it had everything we were looking for and we really liked it, so we took it."

Since purchasing the factory, which formerly housed a Sabra Hummus plant, Stogo has spent the



Malcolm Stogo is renovating his ice cream plant in Astoria to double its size.

Photo courtesy Danielle Dexter

past year upgrading and expanding the space. He has nearly doubled the plant's size, from 7,000 square feet to almost 15,000 now, to accommodate the growing interest in his ice cream

products and the demand for more.

The plant serves up four types of ice cream — non-dairy, gelato, food service ice cream and private products — which allow

people to bring ideas of their own into the factory to be produced and shipped to them. The DF Mavens product has become so popular that Stogo will soon be opening his first storefront in Manhattan's East Village.

Stogo is also working to continue expanding his plant in Astoria, where he said he will soon add more jobs for Queens residents. He said most of his 20 current employees live in the borough, and the five to 10 new positions he will create as he further expands will go to Queens residents, as well.

He also said he uses ingredients strictly from Queens, a testament to how much he loves being in Astoria.

"We love it in general because we're close to Manhattan, close to airports, close to highways," Stogo said. "It's a really great location for us. We're the perfect manufacturer for Queens."

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Panagiota Tsourapis (l.), of Francis Lewis keeps the ball away from Bayside player Rosa Garcia. Photo by Ken Maldonado

## Tsourapis' hat trick leads to Lewis rout

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Panagiota Tsourapis' high school soccer career has spanned from novice to go-to scorer at Francis Lewis.

The senior forward was a basketball player when she entered the school as a freshman. She tried soccer only at the behest of her brother.

"Seeing all the seniors playing my freshman year and enjoying the game, it felt like it would be awesome, so I just worked really hard," Tsourapis said.

Four years later, she is recording a hat trick and dishing out an assist to help the Patriots rout rival host Bayside 5-0 in a PSAL Class A girls' soccer crossover game Tuesday. The speedy Tsourapis scored off a 20-yard chip into the box from

sophomore Jacklyn Lada in the 4th minute for the game's first goal.

She fought off a defender on either side of her and stuck her right foot out to knock the ball past the keeper to make it 3-0 just before halftime. Her final tally came when Tsourapis, who plays her club ball with the New Hyde Park Kit Kats, tapped in a pass from senior Amberly Cabral in the 54th minute. It was her sixth goal in just four games this season after tallying 19 a year ago.

"She came a really long way," Quinipiac-bound senior midfielder Caroline Debonis said. "When she first started, she really didn't know what she was doing. Seeing her come this far, she is our leading goal scorer, so that's incred-

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## SFP, Molloy want offense

Rival CHSAA schools search for scorers after playing to a 0-0 tie

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

St. Francis Prep and Archbishop Molloy are in search of the same things: goals and someone to score them.

The two CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens boys' soccer rivals graduated Brandon Silva (SFP) and Denes Kostel (Molloy), players who provided the bulk of their offense last season.

The lack of a go-to scorer showed, as the Terriers and Stanners played to a 0-0 draw in their first meeting of the season Sept. 11 at Kissena Corridor Park. It was a rematch of last year's CHSAA Class AA Intersectional title game won by St. Francis Prep.

These teams, however, are much different than the ones that matched up last November.

"I didn't see a lot of offense being developed by either one of the teams," Molloy Coach Andy Kostel said. "The teams are very good in midfield and defense. They have to develop more offense."

Both squads' best chances came during a frantic final 12 minutes. St. Francis Prep's Niko Vasylakos headed a pass from Daniel DoNascimento, but saw it saved by Stephen Deely in the 69th minute. Molloy's Daniel Corridan sent a soft pass back to an open John McCoy near the top of the box in the 76th minute, but SFP sweeper Leo Dalesandro cut off his shooting angle and forced the shot wide.

"In the last 10 minutes it just felt like everyone was trying to push for a goal,"



St. Francis Prep's Peter Tagios (l.) and Molloy's Luke Gersh (No. 7) compete for the ball in their scoreless tie last Thursday. Photo by Ken Maldonado

SFP forward Brian Kilcarr said.

Kilcarr, who also could not complete a dangerous scoring run in the 54th minute, had his shot from the top of the box stopped with less than two minutes to play. Defenders Ryan Hoffman and Lucas DoNascimento both had strong games in the back for Molloy (2-0-2). Dealessandro

did the same for the Terriers (2-0-1) as he shortly after cleared away a dangerous ball during a scramble in the box.

The outcome and the lack of scoring chances further proved to each side there is still work to be done on the offensive end after a typically physical affair. The players they once relied on to score are no lon-

ger around. The Terriers are hoping to get scoring from Kilcarr and Brendan Murphy.

"We are looking for that scorer right now," SFP Coach Franco Purificato said. "All preseason it has been, 'Who the heck is going to score the goal?'"

Molloy lost Kostel, the coach's son, but returns *Continued on Page 53*

# CHSAA loses pioneer with death of Modry

Former SFP and Bishop Reilly coach, 70, hailed from Jackson Heights, co-founded girls' league



Joseph Staszewski

*Block Shots*

Women's athletics wouldn't be where it is today without people like Jane Modry.

The former coach and administrator at Bishop Reilly and St. Francis Prep died in her sleep at the age of 70 Sept. 8. She left behind a legacy of innovation and dedication when it came to growing women's sports in New York City. The Jackson Heights native was one of the founding members of the CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens girls' league, which began in September 1971. It came at a time when many administrators didn't think it was needed.

Modry and a few oth-

ers thought otherwise and let people know.

"She said if men had leagues and played for a purpose, then why can't the women play for a purpose instead of just going out there to play ball just to play ball," said close friend and St. Francis Prep's first girls' basketball JV Coach JoAnn Wagner.

Wagner, who has known Modry since she was a student in her gym class at Bishop Reilly, said many coaches at the time were content with the way things were. Women did not play five-on-five, full-court games until 1971. The women's team didn't even play games on the school's main court.

Title IX, which made equality opportunity in sports for women federal law, was passed in 1972. Modry kept pushing for those improvements.

"She was never content to just leave something



Former Bishop Reilly and St. Francis Prep coach and administrator Jane Modry died Sept. 8 at 70.

Photo contributed by SFP

as it was and do it as a job," Wagner said. "She always tried to make it better and make the people involved in it better for having been part of it."

Modry coached basketball, volleyball, softball

and track at St. Francis Prep. She is a member of the league's Hall of Fame and served a term as GCHSAA league president. Modry was instrumental in the league's involvement in the state federation tour-

namment and organization of city championship and crossover games between Brooklyn/Queens and the Archdiocese.

Long-time Cardinal Spellman girls' basketball Coach Jane Morris said people were always amazed with how many people and contacts Modry had.

"She's just a great lady," Morris said. "She had a really good sense of humor. She was a very straightforward type of person. She told you what she thought in a nice way, but she really understood what was happening."

Modry makes innovations and improvements in whatever job she held during her 38 years in Catholic education. She started the basketball and volleyball programs at St. Francis Prep. During her time as athletic director, SFP was the first Brooklyn/Queens school to have a girls' soccer team in 1983.

Modry eventually stepped down and made the intramural programs at SFP something students flocked to and thoroughly enjoyed because of her passion and organization.

"She loved working with kids," Terriers Athletic Director Sal Fischetti said. "Prep was her life. Everything she did in her daily life was around the school."

By doing so, Modry played a major role in the berth of girls' sports in the CHSAA. It's because of people like her across the country at the time that women's athletics are where they are today.

"Where would the WNBA have come from if it wasn't for people pushing from the bottom up," GCHSAA President Denis Hillig said. "I'm sure she had a hand in that — in our league she did."

## Missed opportunities doom Flushing in loss to Erasmus

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

One disastrous drive late in the third quarter was emblematic of Flushing's day.

Red Devils senior quarterback Terrence Chavis dropped back and heaved the ball down field in attempt to get the Red Devils back in the game. Erasmus senior Kefa Court jumped the rout and intercepted the ball. As Court was charging down field, he was stripped of the ball at the Erasmus 32-yard line and the Red Devils recovered.

But the good fortune didn't last long. Later in the same series, Chavis dropped and was picked off again. This time, senior corner Shavar Brathwaite grabbed the ball and

returned it 52 yards to the house for a score. This gave the Dutchman a three-score lead and helped propel them to a 26-6 victory over host Flushing in PSAL City Conference football last Saturday.

"The game was over at that point," Flushing head Coach Jim Desantis said of the interception returned for a touchdown. "We had to be methodical at that point."

Erasmus (2-0) held the lead from start to finish, as Flushing couldn't get any momentum going on offense or defense. Flushing (1-1) was, however, down only 12-0 at the half and was still much in the game. The Red Devils' coaching staff saw an opportunity to catch the Dutchmen off guard, and they took advantage of it to

start the third quarter.

Flushing attempted an onside kick on the opening kickoff of the second half and came out of the bottom of the scrum with the ball. The Red Devils knew it was their chance to take the momentum away from Erasmus if they could put points on the board.

Chavis drove his teammates all the way to the Erasmus 12-yard line, but they couldn't put any points on the board as they failed to advance any further. They went for it on fourth down and couldn't get a first down.

Flushing would get on the board at the end of the third quarter as Chavis hooked up with senior wide out Keron Hermitt for a 42-yard touchdown pass down the sideline to pull the Red



Flushing High School's Demetrie Narcisse cuts through Erasmus Hall High defenders during the Red Devil's loss last Saturday.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

Devils within 18-6.

On the Red Devils' next drive, Kefa Court intercepted Chavis. The Dutchmen would capitalize on this third turnover

score another touchdown in the fourth to make it 26-6. Flushing, which rallied to beat Port Richmond in Week 1, is confident it can rebound from this defeat.

"We got to keep practicing hard and keep playing hard," Desantis said. "We got to stay the course. We're not in panic mode yet."

# St. Francis tops Hopkins 27-20 for first season win

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

St. Francis Prep pounded the ball on the ground to pick up its first win of the season.

Junior fullback Ryan Gardner carried the ball 21 times for 120 yards rushing and a touchdown as St. Francis Prep held off Hopkins (Conn.) 27-20 at Martin Van Buren High School in a non-league football game last Saturday afternoon.

Robert Einersen, Marquis Gordon and Stephon Manfort all added rushing touchdowns for the Ter-

riers (1-1). Safety Marco Minchino collected three interceptions.

**Bayside 20, Tilden 16:** Shariff Abukari completed five of 12 passes for 132 yards and two touchdowns to lead Bayside (2-0).

Jason Benton, Jessie Iacovetta and Tyrell Plaza each had a receiving score and combined for four catches for 163 yards.

Charles Flugg also tossed a touchdown pass and Camrhan Tillman made 10 tackles.

**Jamaica 28, Springfield Gardens 6:** Garfield

McDonald rushed for 169 yards and three touchdowns on 22 carries for Jamaica (1-1).

Anthony White carried the ball 12 times for 107 yards.

Joseph McKenzie tossed a 4-yard touchdown pass to Jabari Corsfield.

Muhammad Ahmed made nine tackles and recorded a sack.

Springfield Gardens is 0-2.

**Far Rockaway 18, Long Island City 0:** Dashaun Royal carried the ball 13 times for 59 yards and a touchdown and made three catches for 50 yards for Far Rockaway (1-1).

Chaki Hurdled recovered two fumbles and reordere a sack.

Long Island City is 1-1.

**George Westinghouse 34, Cardozo 13:** Christian Wheatley and Manuel Ritoe scored touchdowns and combined for 102 rushing yards on 11 carries for Cardozo (0-2).

Jose Vargas paced Westinghouse (2-0) with 148 yards and three touchdowns on the ground.

**James Madison 26, John Adams 6:** Antwon James threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Dashawn Anderson for John Adams (0-2).

Dorian Anderson made 10 tackles.

James Madison is 1-1.



St. Francis Prep running back Marquis Gordon, at practice, had a rushing touchdown to help lead the Terriers to their first win of the season.

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Easy #7								
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Week 15

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Corridan and Chris Ray, who have experience putting up goals. Coach Andy Kostel wants to see his team make better runs to goal and have a will to fin-

ish. Hoffman believes that will come.

"We have a good team all around," Hoffman said. "The goals shouldn't just come from the forwards. It can be from anyone on the team."

The lack of a finishing touch kept either team from

coming away with a victory against it rivals. It left the players looking forward to the next meeting Oct. 14 at Alley Pond Park.

"Every time we go into this game, no one wants it tied," Kilcarr said. "A tie feels like a loss on both sides."

## Tsourapis

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ible."

Lewis has also matured and grown during that time. The Patriots (4-0) were 1-3-2 against Bayside (2-1) in the last six meetings coming into this game and had scored just once the last two times they played their rival on the road.

This Lewis team appears to be one of the deepest and most technically sound of coach Jeovani Parades' six-year tenure. Debonis is back after taking a year off to focus on her college recruitment. She and sophomore Samantha Margolis each added goals, and sophomore midfielder Sarafina Smith proved to

be dangerous. The firepower led to a rare, lopsided affair between the two rivals, which are now in different divisions after a realignment of the leagues.

"I think we are solid all around," Parades said. "I think every position is covered."

The Patriots' defense, led by Alessandra Crocitto, did an excellent job bottling up Bayside striker Alexa Trontz and keeping star midfielder Christina Psomopoulos from getting much going. The Commodores' best chance came when Marcela Aguirre fed Kayla Triana in the box, but Lewis keeper Anna Trevellini was able to make a save.

Bayside's play left Coach Maggie Kassimis

wanting to see her team be more aggressive in the midfield.

"We gave them too much space, too much time, and we had a game plan and we didn't follow it," Kassimis said. "There was too much dribbling in the middle. We basically didn't give ourselves and opportunity to attack."

Lewis, which features strong young players supporting its seniors, is hoping this is its chance to make a deep playoff run after being upset in the first round the last two seasons.

"That is the plan and I hope so," Parades said. "The leadership that we have this year will definitely help us make [it] into semis, finals."



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## Liu

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between the two candidates was going to be too wide to close, even with the roughly 1,000 absentee ballots yet to be counted.

The incumbent senator, who will likely win a third term in Albany come November, won his largest leads in a part of his district, which includes Beechhurst, Whitestone and Bay-side, unofficial BOE results showed.

"It was a spirited primary race," Avella said Tuesday. "I look forward to the November election and to ultimately returning to Albany to represent my constituents in what is sure to be a pivotal legislative session."

The Queens Democratic Party opened the door for a run by Liu, who stumbled out of the 2013 mayoral race in fourth place, when it drafted him to oust Avella, a rogue senator who had defected to the Independent Democratic Conference in February.

Liu's challenge mobi-



John Liu thanks his supporters at his campaign celebration event last week.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

lized a coalition of support from many of the area's elected officials and unions in the early days of his campaign, making the argument Avella had betrayed his party and "empowered Republicans," as the IDC controlled the Senate with the GOP.

Facing potential primaries, the IDC and Democratic leadership announced a new power-sharing agreement in June between the two factions. Challenges to a number of other IDC members were called off and the Working Families Party pulled its support of Liu, but the

Queens Democratic Party and the former comptroller were steadfast in their pursuit to defeat Avella.

After the agreement, Avella gained significant union support and endorsements from powerful Democrats, such as Mayor Bill de Blasio and U.S. Rep. Steve Israel (D-Melville).

Avella also managed to squeak out the win, despite only fund-raising a fraction of what Liu did.

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## Katz

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for basement apartments, which she said present a serious hazard in many communities.

Her nearly 130-page policy report notes that Queens encounters tensions over feelings of displacement provoked by changing demographics.

But she believes issues usually arise not out of prejudices to newcomers' background, but rather to the number of people who tend to come when an enclave begins to grow.

Katz said she has a monthly assembly comprised of leaders of every ethnicity to discuss such issues, and that her commitment to re-examining zoning may also help.

The borough president's other priorities include getting more seats for pre-kindergarten and public schools, hastening hurricane recovery work and creating a new police precinct in eastern Queens.

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## Lin

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them to say, according to the indictment.

Lin's arrest in 2012, along with 25 others, was

part of a federal crackdown on immigration fraud and the culmination of a three-year investigation by the FBI.

Others charged in the investigation included Flushing translators, law-

yers and paralegals, the indictment said.

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## Caballero

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Nadia Sierra, who lived in the building with Caballero at the time, and Oscar Balarezo, a friend, testified they saw the defendant coming out of the

building's elevator soaked with blood shortly after he reportedly got into an altercation with Kollmann.

Prosecutors said Caballero had lived with Sierra in the Kissena Boulevard building for a few more weeks after Kollmann's death before she begged him to leave. He al-

legedly admitted to her he killed Kollmann because he wanted to know what it felt like to kill somebody, prosecutors said.

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## Vallone

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schools rather than all seventh- and eighth-grade students in every school in New York City, such as K-8 or K-12 schools.

On the first day of school earlier this month, miscommunication between the city and its schools led parents to believe their middle school students in a K-12 school would be getting a meal at lunch time, and many students were sent to school without a lunch of their own.

"Parents were of the understanding that all students would be getting a free lunch, so there was sort of an organized chaos in those first few days when the school had to scramble to figure out what to do for those kids who didn't have a lunch," said City Councilman Paul Vallone (D-Bayside). "I

have three kids and I know my wife goes crazy trying to figure out the schedule for everything, so parents need to have the right information."

Since that first day Sept. 4, Vallone said his office has received calls from parents confused about why their child was not part of the free lunch program. When the councilman started to do some research, he discovered that the funding the city's administration asked for did not cover the schools inside a school, he said.

"These schools were left out of the funding and now we're just trying to figure out why," he said.

Vallone said he reached out to Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito (D-Manhattan), whom he said shared his concern with students being left out of the free lunch program. He also brought the issue to Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson

Heights), who serves as chairman of the Council's Education Committee, and he said the administration is now looking at how the mix-up happened and how it can be prevented next year.

Vallone said since the budget is set in stone for the remainder of the fiscal year, there is no solution to include the rest of the middle school students in the free lunch program for this school year, but he said the Council is working to figure out how much more it would cost the city to make sure every seventh- and eighth-grade student gets a free meal next year.

"It certainly wasn't intended to hurt kids," he said. "It was just kind of an unfortunate oversight and now we have to fix it."

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## Quiet

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should be lowered. The longer the FAA waits, the louder it gets. Quit waiting. Quit studying. Give these communities the peace and the quiet they deserve once and for all."

Carroll lives in an apartment building in Flushing, where the PA placed a noise monitor to collect data. She said it has broken down three times since it was installed and lost six days worth of data. It has also shown decibel level readings that are frequently in the 80s and 90s, she said.

"We deserve better," Carroll said. "No one should be subjected to planes



Sisters Elpida and Tiffany Hatzidimitriu voice their concert through a sign at the Rally Against Airplane Noise at Cuningham Park in Oakland Gardens Sunday. Photo by Chris Palermo

flying at low altitudes at one-minute intervals for 18 hours a day every day. Enough is enough."

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**295 S BROADWAY LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 8/7/14. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process Mei Yam, 114-50 Dalian Ct., 2nd Fl., College Point, NY 11356. General Purposes.

**84-59 KNEELAND AVENUE LLC**, Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/14/14. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2064. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 84-59 Kneeland Avenue, Elmhurst, New York 11373. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**ANNE CHAN-LY, DDS, PLLC** Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/25/14. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 13-22 208th Pl. Fl 3, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: Dentistry.

**BELLE JOU LLC**, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/25/2014. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 91-10 34th

**Notice of Formation of 28-46 46th Street LLC**, Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/30/14. Office location:

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Ave., Apt. 6G, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Reg Agent: Johnathan Marr, 91-10 34th Ave., Apt. 6G, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

**BUKI967 LLC**, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/28/2014. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Nenad Bursic, 9-08 129 St., College Point, NY 11356. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

**JLMBROSS LLC** Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/12/14. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 3215 48th St, Long Island, NY 11103. Purpose: General.

**JRF REALTY PARTNERS, LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 7/21/14. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 215-44 23rd Rd., Bayside, NY 11360. General Purposes.

**NISSIM ARI LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 7/31/14. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 147-15 73rd Ave., Flushing, NY 11367. General Purposes.

**Notice of Formation of 28-46 46th Street LLC**, Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/30/14. Office location:

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Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 203 Park Lane, Douglas Manor, NY 11363. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC)**. Name: MARISHKA PHILLIPS THEATRICAL PREPARATORY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on

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06/26/2014, 2014. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MARISHKA S. PHILLIPS 145-77 223RD STREET SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, NY 11413. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC)**. Name: ALNA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/16/2014, 2014. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: NATALYA MALAKOVA 64-05 YEL-LOWSTONE BLVD. CF 103 FOREST HILLS, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC)**. Name: JACLYN DIMA MUSIC LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/23/2014. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC)**. Name: PRIMO SOCIETY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/23/2013. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**Notice of Formation of LN 48-50 Associates, LLC**, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 8/8/14. Office location: Queens County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Windels Marx Lane & Mitten-dorf, LLP, 156 W. 56th St., NY, NY 10019, Attn: Thomas A. Banahan, Esq. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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**Soulwise Entertainment LLC** Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/19/14. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Jamal Curtis Jones, 241-24 145th Ave, Rosedale, NY 11422. Purpose: General.

**YHE PROPERTIES LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 7/11/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 191-15 Jamaica Ave., Hollis, NY 11423. General Purposes.

**Young Law Firm, PLLC** Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 8/12/14. Office: Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 133-36 41ST St. Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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the place of my birth is HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM, my present name is HOANG HA KIEN TRAN.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF QUEENS** INDEX# 31505/2010 FILED: 08/05/2014 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgage premise is situated. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HODLERS OF THE ACCREDITED MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1 ASSET BACKED NOTES, Plaintiff, against JOHN ANASTASATOS if he be living and if he be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint, LISA ANN RODRIGUEZ, NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, LLC, ASTORIA FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, DISCOVER BANK, NYC PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE" the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTOR-

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NEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOU CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not serviced with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage in the sum of \$584,000.00 dated December 15, 2005, executed by defendant(s) JOHN ANASTASATOS, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR HOME FUNDS DIRECT recorded on February 6, 2006 in Mortgage Liber CRFN: 2006000070682, in the Office of the Clerk of the

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County of Queens. MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR HOME FUNDS DIRECT assigned all of its right, title and interest in NOTE and MORTGAGE to plaintiff by way of an assignment dated December 16, 2010 and to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, covering premises known as 217-24 49th AVE, BAYSIDE, NY 11364. (Block 7400 Lot 61). The relief sought within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Orin R. Kitzes, J.S.C., a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, filed along with the supporting papers in the office of the Clerk of the County of Queens on 07/07/2014. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, as laid out and designated on a certain map entitled "Amended map of Oakland Ridge, situate in Bayside, 3rd Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York", (Block 7400 Lot 61). Said premises known as 217-24 49th AVE, BAYSIDE, NY 11364. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duty

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demand: By reason of the aforesaid, plaintiff has elected to declare the unpaid principal sum of the NOTE and MORTGAGE in the amount of \$575,402.67 with accrued interest at 8.25% per annum, from December 1, 2009, to be immediately due and payable. By reason of the aforesaid provisions set forth in the NOTE and MORTGAGE, there is due and owing to plaintiff from JOHN ANASTASATOS reasonable attorneys' fees in the amount of \$4,500.00, plus costs and disbursements, for which demand is hereby made. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DIS-CLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an at-

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torney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York state Banking Department at 1-877-Bank-NYS or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Section 1303 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving the copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF

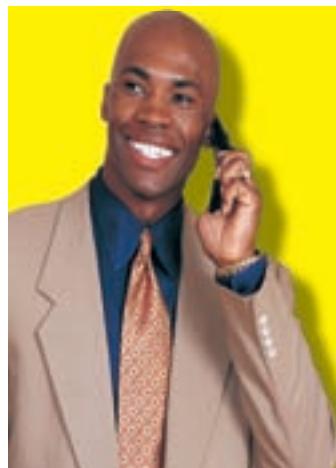
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THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Kozeny, McCubbin & Katz, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 395 N. Service Road, Suite 401, Melville, NY 11747 Our File 14634

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS INDEX # 24235/12** Original Filed With Clerk on JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, - against - RICHARD KAEDING, GAIL KAEDING, her respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, MIKE VENTURINO, "BARBARA" VENTURINO, MICHELLE KAEDING Defendants Plaintiff Designates Queens County as the Place of Trial The Basis of Venue is that the Subject of the Action is situated in Queens County. Plaintiff resides at 3415 Vision Drive Columbus, OH 43219 County of Franklin TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: ... YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered

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to you within the State of New York); The United States of America may appear or answer within 60 days of service hereof; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to order of the Hon. Phyllis Orlikoff Flug, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Queens County dated June 6, 2013 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office, Jamaica, NY. Prem k/a/12-46 149th St., White-stone, NY a/k/a Beginning at a point on the Westerly side of 149th St. (formerly known as 7th Avenue) distant (412.662) foot from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of 149th St. with the Southerly side of 12th Avenue (formerly known as 20th Street) being a plot 148.78 ft. x 28.71 ft. x 140.84 ft. x 28.85 ft. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Respectfully submitted, KNUCKLES, KOMOSINSKI & ELLIOTT, LLP By: Karen B. Olson, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 565 Taxter Road - Suite 590 Elmsford, NY 10523 914-345-3020- #84636



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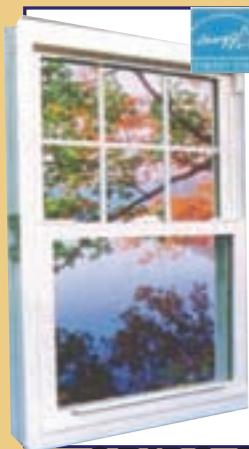
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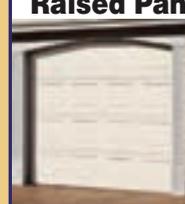
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